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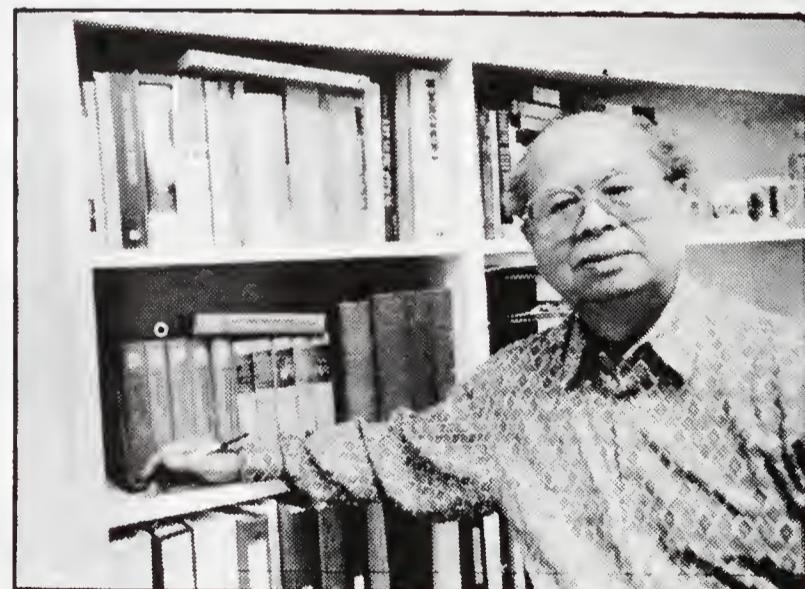
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The *Narva* is an annual magazine of news, features and photographs aimed at capturing the essence of the 1996-97 academic year at Park College. The primary editor of this edition of the *Narva* was Isabell Smith, who picked up the ball and ran like crazy toward the goal. Andrea Sosa got the edition off the ground and Kevin Kuzma covered the short yardage into paydirt.

The issue is dedicated to David Quemada, newly retired professor of English at Park College, whose gentle voice held poetry for all who listened.



Universal Press Vice President, Lee Salem began his career as *Stylus* editor

Isabell Smith
Editor

Lee Salem, former Park College student and editor of the *Stylus* is now the editor and vice president of the Universal Press Syndicate. Located in Kansas City, Universal Press was founded in 1970 and is the largest newspaper syndicate in the country. As editor, Salem is responsible for finding new features and aspiring new artists.

Salem says the English department at Park prepared him for his career by helping him appreciate the use of language.

"The instructors at Park taught me the value of a liberal arts education," Salem explains. "I had two semesters of Shakespeare with Dr. (David) Quemada; he was tough. There was also a two year sequence called Religious And Secular Heritage of The West. It was a wonderful course and I still read some of the authors that were introduced in those classes. I think the combination of having a well rounded education, with a strong concentration in literature was certainly essential for me, especially for this job and it would have been equally important had I chosen another career."

Salem says he made some lasting friends during his stay at Park. During his senior year in 1968, he was editor of the *Stylus*. He still keeps in touch with some of the people who worked with him on the student newspaper.

"The guy who selected me for editor is now the publisher and owner of a newspaper in Georgia. The student I selected as feature editor for the *Stylus*, is a musician on the West Coast. Also, at that time we had an oversight group called the Board Of Student Publications. One of the women who was on that board is now the editor of the *St. Paul Pioneer Press*."

For Salem, being editor of the *Stylus* reinforced basic journalism applications. He said the majority of his time was spent checking facts, and it was here that he learned the necessity of deadlines.

"In those days the poor printers were at our mercy because everything was handset," he said. "We used metal type back then," he laughs then adds, "I'm sure today's journalism students probably don't even know what that is, let alone what it looks like."

After graduating from Park College, Salem received a master's degree in English from UMKC. He



originally attended graduate school intending to teach, but that market had already been saturated with applicants.

"In the early 1970s, English teachers were a dime a dozen, well actually, a nickel a dozen to tell the truth. I basically kind of fell into this position, but it worked out well."

Salem began work at Universal Press in 1974. A former college teacher at Park arranged a meeting

with the co-founder of the company. Salem began work immediately. He moved from assistant editor, to managing editor, then in 1980 he became the editorial director and in 1981, vice president. Salem admits that it is difficult to be successful in the area of journalism.

"Journalism is a tough field," he explains, "no question about it. My advice for students is to keep knocking on doors and don't give up. An example of how perserverence pays off is the comic strip we used to do called "Calvin and Hobbs." It was probably the most popular comic strip of its time.

"Before we picked it up, it had been turned down by three different syndicates including ours; I turned him down twice. Knocking on doors, refining your approach, refining your ideas and being patient and persistant is the way."

The most important thing to Salem besides his career is the success of his family. He enjoys watching his children grow into mature responsible adults.

"I take great pleasure in the success of both my son and my daughter," he said. "Our daughter is in graduate school getting a Ph.D in genetics, and my son just graduated from college embarking on a career in finance."

"Finding a career that you enjoy is what defines success," he says. "If I were doing a job I didn't like, that would certainly affect other parts of my life. If you spend 10 to 12 hours a day doing something you have to do, then you better well like it."

He smiles and says, "And I love this job. Its been fulfilling and rewarding. I work with a lot of great people, and I've met a lot of people whom I would not have had the opportunity to meet. I've met Gary Trudeau and I've attended a reception at the White House."

"Each of us defines success differently," he says, "but for me, growing in this career, doing a great job, and more importantly watching my family prosper, is how I define success."

Breckon establishes Park as international institution



Park President Donald J. Breckon, his wife Sandy, and his granddaughter enjoy a festive moment riding in the Parkville Days parade. *Narva photo/Mark Coffey*

Isabell Smith
Editor

Dr. Donald J. Breckon's effort to establish Park College as an international institution is currently in progress. Park's student body already consists of people from 31 countries. President Breckon says he became cognizant of the need for cultural awareness while studying for a master's degree in public health education at the University of Michigan in 1967-68.

"This was during the riots in Detroit," he recalls. "A mile or more of 12th street was burned. There was a lot of discussion about these incidents in classes and during luncheon conversa-

tions, but I also got a chance to know a lot of African American people from Chicago and Detroit. I began to see things from their perspective.

"Also, public health works directly with inner city programs. We dealt with rodent control, heroine addiction and other problems. Dealing with people on a one to one basis enabled me to see that we have a lot more in common than the things we allow to separate us."

Cultural diversity is an integral part of the curriculum at Park College. Programs are geared toward embracing all nationalities and religious beliefs. One area Park uses to build cultural awareness is its position as a non-sectarian Christian college. Park does

not emphasize any particular religion or philosophy. The efforts are to embrace the things people have in common. There is no effort on the part of the school, to convert students to any particular set of beliefs.

"What I've tried to do is take what we can agree with from most of the religions and focus on those areas rather than the things that are unique to all," he said. "It doesn't matter whether you're Buddhist, Muslim, Baptist or whatever. Most people believe in basic values like honesty and integrity."

Park has been in the process of becoming a university for some time. Part of that process included developing a task force to put together a curriculum that extends beyond the boundaries of the United States such as international business and Japanese studies. Breckon also implemented an aggressive growth plan for the college.

"The fastest growing populations in America is African American and Hispanic people; the Caucasian population is decreasing," he said. "I knew that if we were to grow, we needed to do a better job of recruiting, and retaining foreign and minority students and also hiring African American and Hispanic people."

Breckon said part of the college's responsibility is to design a curriculum and create an environment comparable to minority student's lifestyle. In other words: "An African American student shouldn't have to do all of the adjusting to a white campus," he said. "The white campus should do everything it can to make the African American student feel more at home. The same applies to Hispanics, American Indians, Asians, and every other nationality represented at Park."

Assisted by the Lily foundation in Indianapolis, Park's task

force began to modify the college's standard curriculum to include a broader outline for minority students.

"The Lily Foundation had similar interests in funding proposals," he said. "They made money available to help colleges make campuses more hospitable to minority students."

Park was awarded a \$150,000 grant to implement changes such as adding new courses, setting up fall retreats and many other programs. The faculty at Park was instrumental in designing specific courses to complete this endeavor.

Another method used to attract students is Park's involvement with the Welfare to Work Program.

"It was during the last presidential address that Clinton asked companies to give people jobs, and for colleges to provide training for people who are currently on welfare," he said. "I remember watching the presentation and deciding to do just that."

During Clinton's address Breckon wrote letters to the vice presidents at Park to develop a similar program. It was first implemented in the Fall of 1996.

Park's future is optimistic.

The school's revenue exceeds \$20 million and enrollment has increased more than 100 percent since Breckon arrived. There have been improvements made on campus such as the new science facility and he has restructured the administration, with more improvements on the way; a funding program will begin soon.

When asked where he saw the college in five to 10 years, Breckon laughs and says,

"With a new president first of all. I plan to retire in four years."

Park College is scheduled to become Park University in the year 2000.

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President Donald J. Breckon

Minority students discuss Park College atmosphere

Shaundra Van Buren
Narva Reporter

During my first year at Park, the number of minority students in each ethnic group could be counted on hands and feet! This year is my third year at Park, and I hardly know the names of the new minority students—much less their faces!

Considering Park's past minority population, this is a positive sign. But why? What has attracted minority students from across the nation to Parkville, a small town with a population of roughly 2,200?

To gain insight on Park's minority boom, I profiled four minority students: Maricela Flores, Tee-ka Johns, Willis Reed, and Anson Taitt.

"I want to major in business and I think Park has a good business curriculum," said sophomore Maricela Flores from Mission, Texas. "Two things that influenced my decision to come to Park was the athletic program and the student-teacher ratio. Park college is a small college, the professor can sit and help you if you have problems."

"The atmosphere here is not like Texas. The weather is so dif-

ferent. Back home it doesn't snow, so when I arrived here, it was hard for me to adapt. Plus the population is very small in Mission. I am a minority here, but at home I'm not."

"Park College offers me the chance to get my bachelors degree in sports medicine," said Tee-Ka Johns of Inglewood, Calif. "I decided to come to Park because of their sports medicine program, my track scholarship, and I wanted to get away from home."

"I don't like that the town is so small, because in California, there are plenty of people. I'm also into sports and I am upset that

Minority students discuss...

there is no football at Park. Without football, the school does not have much to offer in sports."

Willis Reed, a freshman from Atlantic City, N.J., said, "I believe Park has an excellent academic program that will enable me to obtain what I have been looking for. All the programs offered give you a chance to work in your major and get that degree.

"It is something I have wanted for a long time. Also, I love playing basketball and while I was in the military, I always wanted to play in school to get that experience. Coach (Claude) English offered me the chance to play college basketball.

"Coming from one of the biggest cities in New Jersey and in addition to all the places I have been while in the military, living in an environment that is small, quiet, and laid back is a big adjustment. Right now, I don't think it will change me too much, but I realize that I have to be more open to conversation and get to know everyone. Unlike the city, you really have to watch what you do because of the size of the community."

International student Anson Taitt is of African descent and is a citizen of Trinidad and Tobago Republic which is part of the West Indies.

"I came to Park to major in computer science," said Taitt, "I heard about Park from a student who was in the military.

"The weather and food choices are a big cultural difference between America and the West Indies. In America, beef and chicken are the main source of

food, but in the West Indies, it is fish and rice.

"The lifestyle in America is more laid back, but in Trinidad, there is a lot of hustle and bustle. When I came to Park, I moved from a work environment to a school environment. I was also moving from

dents 7 percent. "Overall, minority students represent 22 percent of incoming freshman for this year," Creighton said, "That's not bad at all."

But what has caused the fluctuation in minority enrollment?

Studies show the percentage of minority high school graduates

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a society in which blacks were the dominate group, to a society where blacks are part of the minority."

Commenting on his adjustment to Park, Anson said, "It is a small college. Classes are small, so every student is given sufficient attention. Park is also very diverse considering the small student population."

It is apparent that Park's quiet environment, small faculty, various courses, and acclaimed sports programs are important in recruiting minority students. But what does admissions think of Park's minority enrollment?

"Now that we have increased enrollment, the African-American percentage of the population has decreased," said Clarinda Creighton, vice president for academic affairs. Statistics from Academic Affairs prove this. Fall 1997, the percentage of incoming minority freshman were as follows: African-American 8 percent, Asian 5 percent, and Hispanic stu-

has decreased in the past two years; this reflects the decline in minority college enrollment as well.

Creighton said Park college offers the Minority Leadership Award and the Westmoreland Scholarship which is presented to US citizens of Vietnamese descent; these two scholarships are resources used by the school to attract minority students. In addition, Park participated in a program sponsored by the Guadeloupe Center which presented scholarship awards to Hispanic students. Unfortunately, as a restitutions to tuition cutbacks, Park no longer participates in this program. However, Park's own John Rios has written a grant to help increase the percentage of high school graduates among the Hispanic population, thereby increasing their college enrollment.

"We want to continue to attract minority students to Park College. We are proud of the ethnic diversity represented through the national and international students." Creighton said.

Park College on its way to becoming “melting pot” of higher learning in the Midwest

Isabell Smith

Editor

There are 64 foreign students from 23 countries challenging themselves with the language and with their studies at Park. The largest group is from the Pacific Islands and the Europeans are the minority with only seven students. Micronesia, Japan, Ethiopia, Belarus and Finland sound like exotic countries, indeed they are, but the students from these countries adapt easily to the U.S culture.

Usually foreign students are older than American students but at Park there are many non-traditional students. The average age among students abroad is around 21-22 years. One reason for this is that high school graduates from other countries are not ready to leave home to come to the land of opportunity. They need more experience about life before they are ready for new, challenging goals.

Some might wonder how a girl from Belarus, a tall black guy from Jamaica, a dark haired Italian bella or a soccer player from Ethiopia ended up in the Midwest. Why did they come to this small town by the side of the Missouri River, home of the liberal arts college called Park.

The reasons are as diverse as the students themselves. One learned of Park from relatives,

some were recruited by coaches of outstanding athlete squads. Others came because tuition is affordable and there are many scholarships that are offered to non-traditional students.

What is a foreigner? How would you describe a foreign person? They are people who look different, talk funny, wear different clothes, and are not accustomed to that every day ‘Hi, how are you?’ -kind of small talk. This is the general consensus about students from other countries, but they are really much more than that.

The dictionary defines foreigner as an unnaturalized person of foreign birth and nationality; a citizen of a foreign country; alien or outsider. Alien and outsider are not fair definitions because it sounds as if the person comes from another world. Foreign is defined a little differently. In regards to that great book of the English language, it means not native, connected with another country or bearing relation to another country. But even the term foreigner has become politically incorrect. International student is now the phrase of choice.

International students are not just people from different nations. The law states that, “...all the States of the U.S. are foreign to each other.” This means that Americans are foreigners too.

Writing: Quemada’s ticket to States led him to Parkville

Professor David Quemada is a native of the Phillipians. His talents in creative writing provided the opportunity to study Oriental and English literature in the United States. A recipient of the Fullbright-Smith-Mundt Scholarship, he arrived in the states in 1959.

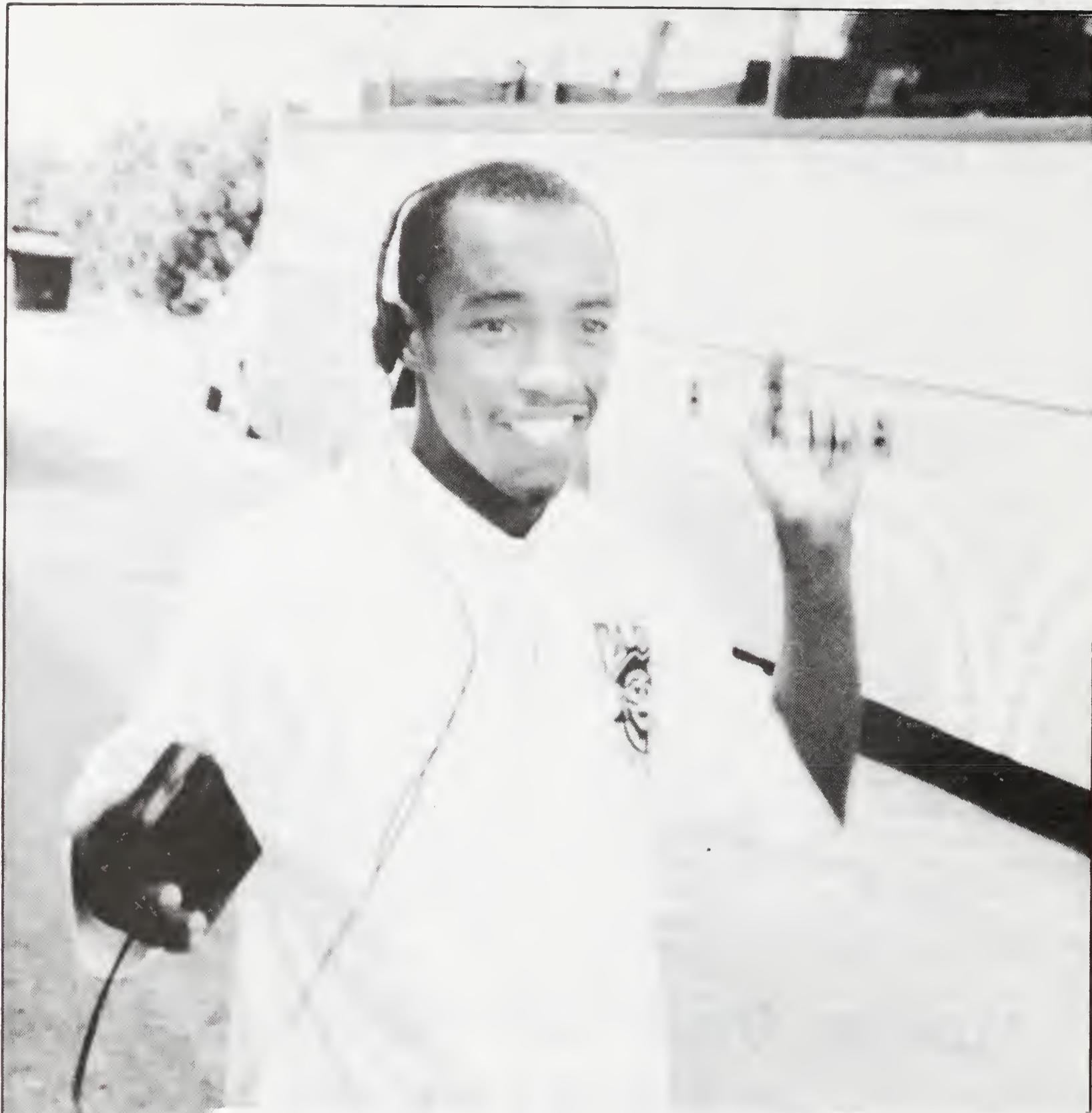
“It was quite an experience,” marveled Quemada, who retired from Park College in December, 1997 as professor of English and associate dean. “Everything was so big, king size. The people, the buildings, everything was bigger.”

Quemada studied at Columbia University and the University of Washington before returning to his native land in 1962. Four years later he accepted

a teaching job at Park College. This year he retired as the Associate Dean of Humanities.

“I’m happiest when I’m in the classroom,” says Quemada. “I like to meet students, new students every year, every semester. I hate office work; let me teach, I love it.”

In his spare time Quemada enjoys writing poetry, spending time with his four grandchildren and fishing. “That is why we bought our house four years ago,” said Quemada with a grin. “It is right by a lake. I go down the stairs and fish out of my backyard.”



Fellows dances to beat

Aleksi Valta
Narva reporter

Rohan Fellows is from St. Catherine, Jamaica. He is a member of the men's soccer team and a Computer Based Information major.

On away game to St. Louis for a fall 1997 match, Fellows danced the whole way listening to his headphones. Watching Fellows play soccer, you can see that he brings his dancing to the field: with his quick feet he embarrasses the restless opponents.

"My life is built around music," Fellows said. "It's what keeps me going."

Fellows has a different story to tell from 8 the other Jamaican soccer players at Park. He

went to high school in the Bronx, New York, and found his way to Park from the Big Apple. He has not been back home in Jamaica for six years.

"Sometimes I ask myself why?" he said. "I wanted to adapt to the new environment, so I just didn't go home., I just didn't"

As the Christmas break was coming closer, Fellows grew restless - he was going home. "They won" probably even know me," he said laughing. "What's that hair on your face?" he said imitating his parents and cracked up laughing. The joy, the happiness, the eagerness were all there in his face.

Future plans are not clear for Fellows yet. "I want to graduate and play ball," he said.

Ugarte dreams of becoming pediatrician

By Aleksi Valta
Narva Reporter

Gustavo de Ugarte grew up in Cochabamba, Bolivia. Bolivia is a typical Latin-American country where soccer and basketball are worshipped sports. Bolivia is still developing as a new democracy.

"They call it democracy, but it's completely different than here in the States," Ugarte said.

Ugarte has been in the States for five years. He is a junior, majoring in biology and chemistry. Plans are clear to Ugarte, who is only 19.

My future studies will be in med school," he said. "That's why I'm majoring in biology and chemistry. I'm interested in pediatrics."

Ugarte, whose parents are



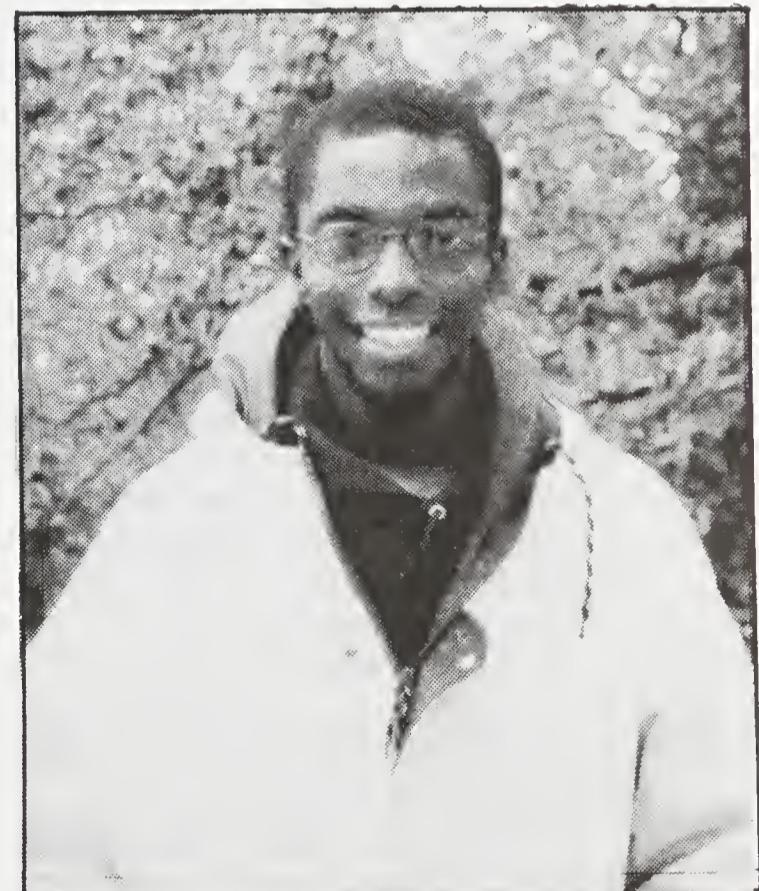
opening a ministry in Bolivia, has a humane view to his future profession.

"There's a lot more poverty, and more people in need of help in Bolivia than here in the States," he said. "That's why I'd like to work in the States, but also in Bolivia. I could travel around with my

parents and help people."

Ugarte is an ambitious young man who enjoys the atmosphere at Park.

"I don't have much free time," he said. "I just hang around with friends when I have time, but I'm busy all the time with school and work-study."



Obinna: God's courage

Aleksi Valta
Narva Reporter

Colonialization left its marks on African nations, including Nigeria. English became a major language in Nigeria, and unlike most international students, Obinno Ezeilo, speaks English fluently.

His first name, Obinna, means God's courage or God's hear: Ezeilo, his last name, means king of the enemies.

A freshman at Park, Ezeilo was born and raised in Enugu, Nigeria. Ezeilo is a city kid, who grew up on a university campus because his parents are both teachers.

"I grew up around new things and ideas," said Ezeilo. "Higher education has always been on my mind."

Ezeilo's dad got a job from Papua, New Guinea and after completing high school he went to live with his dad. After he got settled, Ezeilo began to look for colleges in the USA. Park College was the first institution to solicit him for enrollment and Ezeilo liked what he saw.

"The biggest thing is that I can afford the school," he said. "I like it a lot here and I don't mind the weather."

Ezeilo, a 19-year-old computer science major, is interested in computer technology.

"Everything is computerized nowadays," he said. "I like computers, they're my main interest, so I didn't have problems choosing my major. Ezeilo has yet to experience a Midwestern winter, but

he is looking forward to it.

In his spare time Ezeilo listens to music.

"I like different kinds of music," he said, "anything but country."

McGilchrist appreciates diversity at Park

Aleksi Valta
Narva Reporter

Ricardo McGilchrist grew up in Jamaica. He came to Park College in 1995, to play soccer after the United States issued him a Visa. He says one of the main things he misses about his homeland is his parents. For the past two years McGilchrist has only been able see them twice.

McGilchrist said that one of the biggest differences between America and Jamaica is the multiculturalism. He is surprised at the States. McGilchrist says that, "There's a little bit of every ethnic group in America."

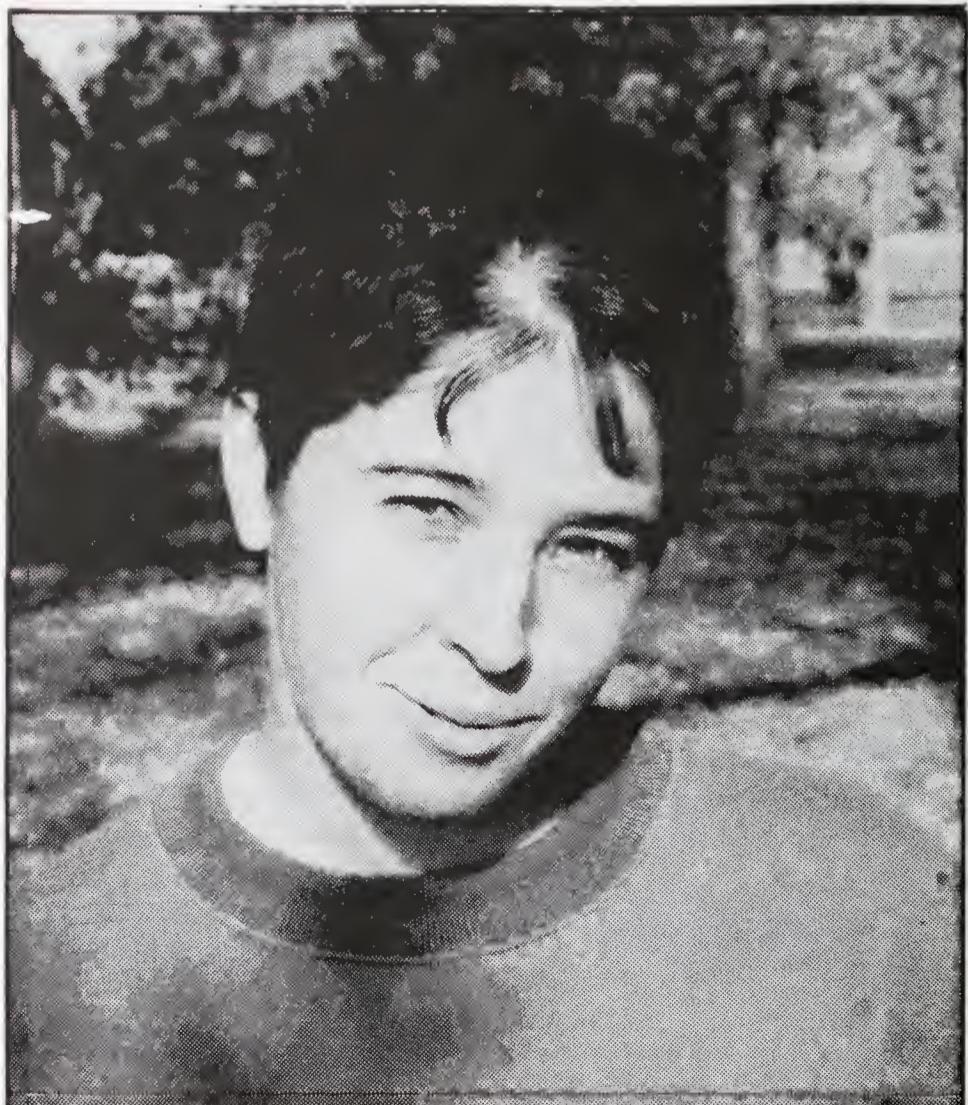
American culture proves difficult for Basque native

Esa Lehikoinen
Narva Reporter

Leire Arruabarrena is a 25-year-old senior from Basque majoring in Public Relations. Basque is in the northern part of Spain. Although it has its own president and government, it is not independent. The language they use at school is Basque, but Spanish is learned through social life. Arruabarrena came to the United States in 1993 and worked as a nanny in Overland Park, Kans. Her only goal was to learn English. Later she got a soccer scholarship from Park and began her studies.

"I get along better with foreigners," she said, "but I also have American friends. Sometimes I feel that the foreigners know more about Americans than they know about themselves."

"It is hard to make friends with Americans. Friendships are stronger and more trustworthy in Europe; friends do everything for you. I think that you have to be in a certain culture to learn that. I'm still in the process of adjusting to the American way of dealing with friendship."



New life style is different, challenging for island native

Joanna Jacob's life on the island of Chuuk is nothing like life in the dorm...

'Returning home, she wrings out her clothes and hangs them to dry in the warm breezes as her mother fixes dinner over the fire in the mosoro (cook house).'

Karen Rawlins
Narva Reporter

Tropical island breezes ruffle through the waist-length, inky-black hair of a young girl as she wades along a sandy beach. The hem of her dress drags heavily as it becomes wet and clings to her legs. Once deep enough, she dives in, the warm water a welcome hug that envelops her. She emerges only after hearing her mother call.

Returning home, she wrings out her clothes and hangs them to dry in the warm breezes as her mother fixes dinner over the fire in the mosoro (cook house). Her father returns from his job with the government.

This was life just five years ago for one Park student, Joanna Jacob, who like many of Park's international students, came from a different life style.

"I am from Chuuk," says Jacob, "one of many small islands that make up the Micronesian Islands in the Pacific Ocean, south of Guam. It has only a few hundred people and no electricity." Jacob grew up there with her mother, stepfather, younger sister and brother.

"My stepfather worked for the counsel, the island's government," says Jacob, "and my mother worked in a retail store when I was small." After her younger sister and brother were born, her mother didn't work. Jacob attended the first through the eighth grade on the island, but had to travel to the main island of Moen to attend high school.

'I felt like I was going to get sick the first time I rode in an elevator,'
Joanna Jacob

"If you leave early in the evening," says Jacob, "you would get to Moen the next morning, so we stayed up there all the time since it's so far away. We stayed with sponsors from my island."

"We learn English along with our language because different islands have their own culture and different languages, so to do business with the others, everyone learns English to have a common language."

Jacob came to Park College in 1994, following the footsteps of her aunts who graduated from here. One still lives in the Kansas City area, the other returned to the islands after graduating in 1993.

"I wanted to be somewhere different," says Jacob, "but I didn't want to be where I didn't know anyone. I disliked the food at first, but now I think its OK." She twists her mouth as she giggles, remembering her first stop, at a McDonald's restaurant after getting off the plane. The island's staple foods include rice, fish, and tropical fruits including breadfruits.

She had to learn to use all of the machines Americans take for granted: phones, elevators, escalators, lights, stoves, and computers.

"I felt like I was going to get sick the first time I rode an elevator," says Jacob. "It was the first time I went to my uncle's 12th floor office building. I wouldn't go near the window. I was afraid I was going to fall. When I finally went near, the people were so small!"

"I want to learn how to drive a car," says Jacob, "but it's so scary. But the hardest is still the food. We go out to a restaurant, I order what other people do because I don't know what that food is called."

Jacob expects to graduate in December, 1998. She carries a double major of political science and legal studies and a minor in criminal justice.

"When I graduate," says Jacob, "I want to go on to Law School. It's very interesting. I'm not really into the trial part of it, but I may want to do

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something in the legal area. I don't know what it is I want to do just yet-I'm looking into international law, but people have said that once you get to law school you change your mind."

Jacob plans to go back home and work on the Micronesian Islands. She currently works at Parkville City Hall.

"I like it because I get to see how American government works," says Jacob, "so I can use these ideas when I go back to my island. We don't have near as many laws there and some people, they get away with things that they wouldn't here, like making the dads take care of their kids. We don't have anything like child support.

Even major crimes sometimes go unpunished, which is why I wanted to go into the legal studies.

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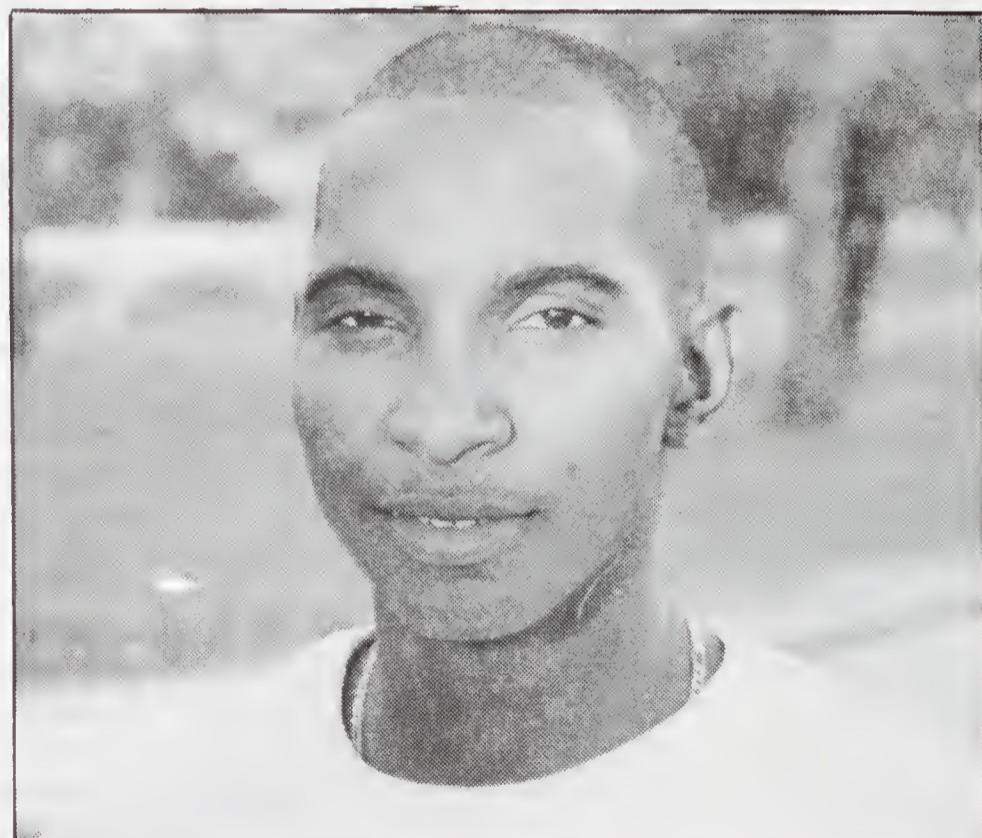
Midwestern winter is tough, transportation is easy

Jamaican has prepared for everything, except old man winter.

By Aleksi Valta
Narva Reporter

As a child, growing up in Kingston, Jamaica, Dane Hall spent a lot of time kicking around a soccer ball. His prowess on the gridiron caught the attention of many coaches in the United States, including former Park College soccer coach, Ben Popoola. Hall decided to attend the college that was the first to offer a scholarship, and Popoola was the first to approach him.

Unlike many international students, Hall was familiar with the United States. He has played in soccer tournaments on American soil and has viewed a variety of television. But he was not pre-



pared for the vastly different weather of the Heartland, nor was he prepared to see Americans everyday. "My body still hasn't adjusted," said Hall, a senior Economics and Communications major, "and at first, I thought everybody looked like a T.V. star."

Although he misses his fam-

ily and the spicy culinary delights of Jamaica, he has developed a fondness of American culture. "It is easier to go out on your own here," replied Hall. "Only the wealthy have cars in Jamaica, money does not go as far because there are few employment opportunities."

Micronesia: No place like home says Park student Dave Marar

Aleksi Valta
Narva Reporter

COUNTRY: Federated States of Micronesia

LOCATION: Four islands in the western Pacific Ocean, east of the Philippines. The four island groups/states: Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei and Kosrae.

CAPITAL: Palikir, in Pohnpei.

POPULATION: 104,000 (approximately)

CURRENCY: US Dollar.

CLIMATE: Tropical.

CONSTITUTION: US-style democracy with a national and four state governments.

RELIGION: Approximately 50% Catholic, 20% Protestant, others.

SIZE: 270,5 square miles and million (plus) square miles of ocean surrounding the islands.

The Federated States of Micronesia emerged as a nation in 1984 from the former United Nations Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (TTPI). Micronesia is a small developing country with a per-capita income of \$1,900. Micronesia is currently in a political treaty with the United States called the Compact of Free Association.

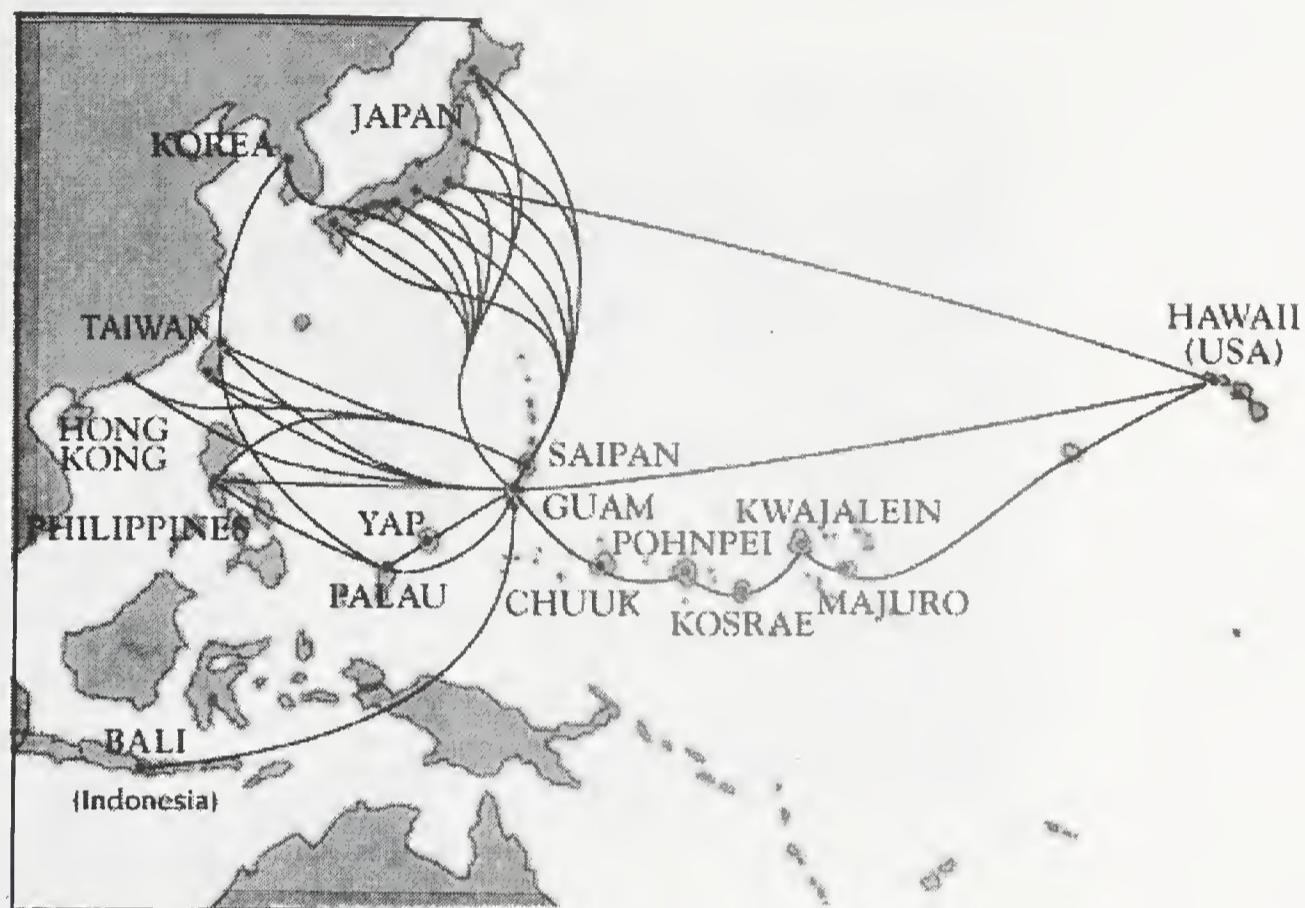
With more than a million square miles of ocean surrounding its islands, Micronesia depends on fishing as a major source of income, in addition to tourism. Its neighbors include the Philippines, Indonesia, Kiribati and other island nations such as my favorite Nauru, which means laughter in Finnish.

Although Micronesia is young as an independent nation it is rich in culture, especially in its indigenous terrain.

"Lots of places that nature created are turning to tourist attractions," said Dave Marar, a native of Chuuk, Micronesia. "We built an underwater museum. Marar, 22, is a sociology major at Park College. He is one of the 16 Micronesians who are enrolled to Park, and form a small commune within the Park family. Marar's cousin graduated from Park in the early 90s and she recruited Marar to Park.

"Studies in sociology seemed especially interesting," he said.

"Work that deals with people from different backgrounds appeals to me."



Map courtesy Continental Airlines

You can see Marar's smiling face at the Academic support Center where he does his work-study as an office assistant.

"I love to work with people," he said.

Although Marar, a junior, is now comfortable being at Park, it was not the same when he came here as a freshman from his tropical homeland. "I was totally blind when I came to the States," he said. "I came here with no expectations about the weather or life in general. I had hard time with the weather, I hated it, but I faced it. I still think that the weather is the worst part of being here in the States."

Back home in Micronesia Marar's life depends on local foods not the grocery store 'stuff.' His family eats mainly fish and local dishes such as taro. Taro is planted into a muddy ground seven feet deep.

"We add things from the nature and it decomposes," Marar said. "Then we cut the head and eat the root. It's my favorite food, it tastes like... canned beans."

Future plans are clear for Marar - he is going home.

"There's no place like home," he said smiling. "With high education I'll get a good job back home."

Barrientez believes in love, becoming a professional athlete

By Aleksi Valta
Narva Writer

Lorenzo M. Barrientez is a busy guy at Park. His life goes beyond volleyball and sports medicine, he also works as a resident assistant, and is happily dating Bethany Oyster.

Many students who take part in Park College's athletic programs dream of making a living as a professional athlete.

Lorenzo Barrientez is one of the dreamers who openly talks about his goal.

"I started playing volleyball when I was 13," said Barrientez. "I've dreamed about playing professionally ever since."

Barrientez, a native of Dallas, Texas, is an outside hitter for the most successful Park College athletic's program of men's volleyball.

"We finished third in the national's last year," he says.

Although football has always been the biggest sport in Texas, Barrientez grew up playing soccer, tennis and volleyball. According to Barrientez, it was volleyball that got him immediately.

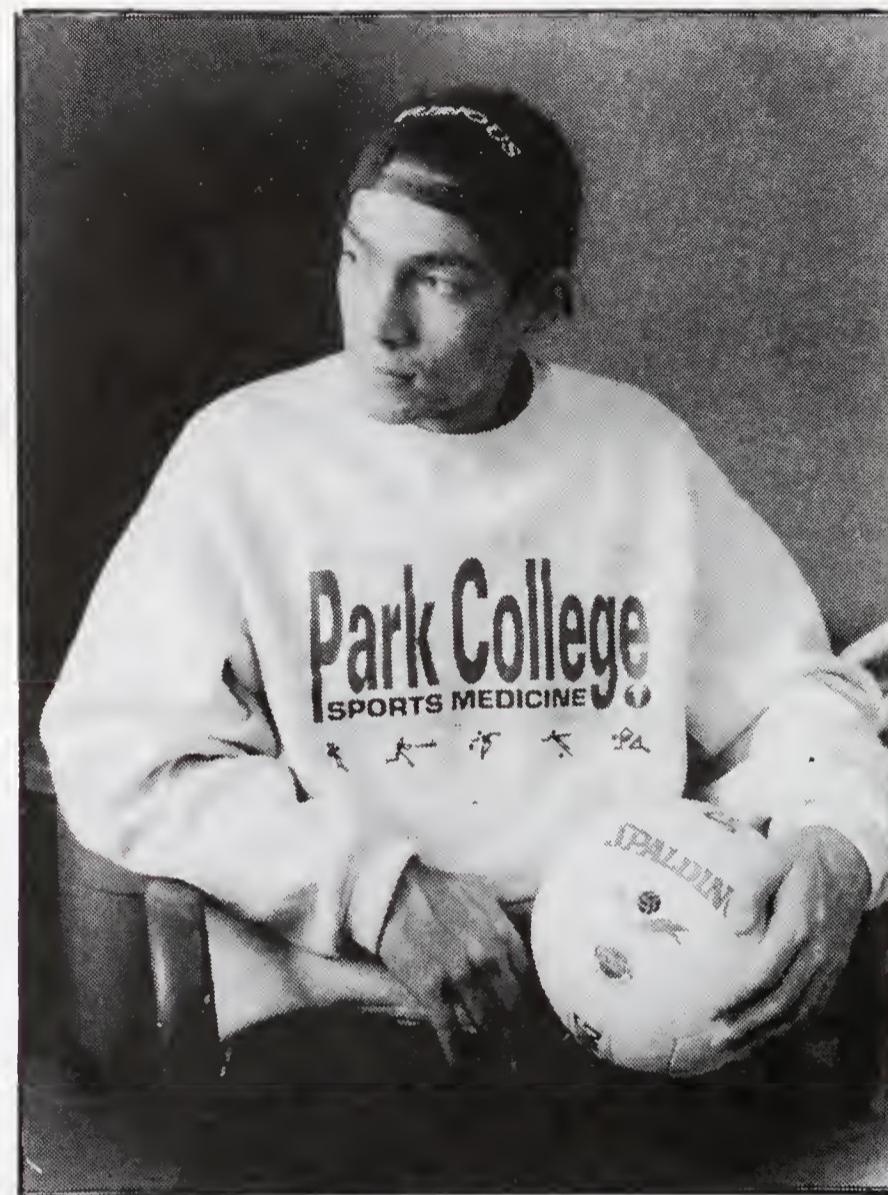
"The minute I saw it, I loved it," said Barrientez. "The passion was there from the beginning."

Although Barrientez, 23, plays six-man volleyball for the Pirates, he enjoys two-man volleyball better. In two-man volleyball, or beach volleyball, he competed toward his dream of playing professionally.

"I had a personal coach," he said. "We were working really hard. We got really close to the top 10, but not close enough. Then I injured my knee, and my dream."

The injury was a huge disappointment for Barrientez, who did not want to face surgery to his knee. He worked patiently to rehabilitate the knee with athletic trainers and rest, but he could not avoid 'the knife'.

"That's it for volleyball," he thought when the surgery was the only option. "That outlook has haunted me ever since."



Disappointments are often learning experiences and that is how Barrientez sees his injury.

"Of course the negative side weighs a lot and still haunts me," he said. "But the injury made me also a stronger person."

After graduating from high school in 1992, Barrientez worked loading and unloading UPS trucks in Dallas.

"I never considered going to college," he said shrugging his shoulders. "It wasn't a big thing in my family, so I was never pressured. Honestly, I was tired of doing manual labor for two-and-a-half years."

He gave his high school coach a call who then helped him contact Park's coach, Rhonda Miles.

"Coach Miles was the men's coach at the time," Barrientez explained. "I called her, she sounded interesting, so here I am."

Barrientez is a junior majoring in sports medicine.

"When I was a kid," he said, "I was always getting hurt. I wanted to know why I got hurt and how I could prevent it. I'm fascinated with the human body, I guess it has always been intriguing to me."

In the fall of 1997 Barrientez was an athletic trainer for the men's soccer team at Park. According to Barrientez, working with the team has helped him deal with each athlete as an individual.

"As a trainer you come across many athletes and trainers, too," he said, "there are different kinds of characters that have helped me to understand people and myself. I've discovered lots of weaknesses in my own life. I've been too judgmental."

Whether he has been too judgemental stands to be seen, nevertheless, Barrientez and the men's volleyball team picked up their performance at the nationals last spring, finishing third in the nation.

"We just came together as a team," he said, "and played like we've never played before. It proved me that there's always hope."

According to Barrientez the team is always confident and confidence is the key to their success.

"Throughout the year we (players) knew we could do it," he explained. "The matter was proving it to the coach (Bertil Wamelink), not to ourselves."

Barrientez said that the team has a hunger to improve last year's standing, but the team lost some important players.

'The minute I saw it, I loved it. The passion was there from the beginning,'
Lorenzo Barrientez

"We lost three middle blockers.

To fill those shoes is hard, but we've improved in other areas. It will be interesting to see what the future has in store."

Plans are not clear for Barrientez yet. He is thinking of grad-school or just taking a year off to see if he can become a professional volleyball player.

"It is one dream that I've dreamed since I was 13."

Some ideas have changed for Barrientez during his time at Park.

"First my goal was to try to work at the Association of Volleyball Professionals Tour," he said, "but now something more important has come to my life."

That something is Bethany Oyster, his girlfriend. "We're very serious about this relationship," "she's the one girl I've been looking for all my life."

The smiling face of Lorenzo Barrientez can be seen all around the campus. But what makes him happy? Is it Bethany? Is it volleyball? Well, the answer comes from above.

"I thank the Lord for that," he said. "my foundation is in him. I focus on him and it brings a smile to my face."

West African seeks global career in international business



Aleksi Valta
Narva Reporter

Although Esther Gi, 23, carries a Nigerian passport, she was born and raised in Lomi, Togo, West Africa. Her mother is from Togo and father from Nigeria. Her father has three wives and the total number of children is 14, five of them are in the States.

Togo's languages are French and Ewe. Gi attended a French speaking school, but her high school studies took her to Ghana and to an English speaking international high school. After high school she worked at her father's business. In 1997 she came to the States and Park College.

"I don't like big colleges," Gi said.

A freshman, Gi is a political science major. She does work study as an office assistant in the academic support center.

"I help students in French," Gi said. "but mostly I just help in the normal office business. I'd like to work for an international company, maybe back home or here in the States."

Plans are clear to Gi.

"After graduating from college I want to have a degree in international relations,"

Like all international students, Gi misses her family and friends back home.

"I like it here at Park, but the lack of public transportation is really bad. I can't go anywhere. I think the college should do something about it."

Monday night passball is on the air...

Same name, Different game

Esa Lehikoinen
Narva Reporter

It was a foggy Monday night in London, England, when a die hard football fan from Kansas City, Mo., was walking the streets, wondering if there was anything to do.

In a small alley, he saw a note in the window. It read: "Monday Night Football at 7 p.m." The place was called The Gunners Pub. The note cheered him. Finally, something he liked. A football game on TV, beer, and an English pub's extraordinary atmosphere. This sounded like an excellent combination.

He stepped into the smoky pub, it was crowded already and almost everyone was wearing red jerseys with white sleeves. It was THEIR team jersey, a team that they respect and have faith in.

He went to the bar to order a beer.

"Where you from?" the bartender asked him after the order, "you know, the accent."

"I'm American," he said, "so who is playing tonight?"

"Liverpool vs. Arsenal," said the bartender, "they are very big rivals; it is going to be a very tough game."

The game was about to start. He still needed to go to the restroom. Once in the latrine he felt the walls shake around him. He knew the game had started, because of the noise in the lounge. It was incredible. He asked the bartender: "What time is the football game suppose to be on TV?"

"It is going on right now," the bartender answered, "Can't you see?"

"No, no, that is soccer," the American responded, "and I came here to watch football."

"That is football on TV," the bartender said, "if you don't like to watch it, the door is over there."

The American was upset, he hated soccer and it was another boring night in London. He was almost at the door when bartender shouted:

"What is soccer anyway?"

Football is a huge sport in England and in the United States, not to mention the rest of the world. For many people it is a matter of life and death. Fans win and lose with their teams, but the USA is the only nation in the world where football is a different game with throwing and hand-passing instead of just kicking and heading the round ball. Why is that? Why didn't the Americans just follow the other nation's example in naming this sport?

Are the people in this country just ignorant of other nations or do they just want to be different? In the old continent they use the metric system which was working well, but it wasn't good enough for the people in this country. They wanted the new system with miles. It wasn't just the miles, all the other systems of measurement are also different from rest of the world., such as pounds, inches, gallons, Fahrenheit etc. Other nations use kilograms, centimeters, meters, liters and Celsius.

"I don't understand", said Keith Khoo, a Malaysian senior from Park College," why can't they use the metric system. I think it should have been good enough system for the Americans, but maybe they just want to be different."

"Americans have gone more to the global systems of measurement," said Park College athletic director and basketball coach Claude English," but it is interesting that we have some things that are different from Europe."

Was it the same thing with soccer? The answer is, no. There was already a game called football here, so they had to come up with another name. Also it was the immigrants from Europe who created the measurement systems on this new continent, so who's to blame?

It is kind of strange that some people over here don't know that the sport called soccer is called football everywhere else. There is no way that the kicking game with the round ball could be called football in USA, at least not anymore. The situation could have been different a century ago. The majority of the population does not recall football as a kicking game, for them the kicking game is soccer.

"I wonder why," said English," soccer is the only major and global sport that has two different names. I would feel somewhat defensive, if basketball were called something else."

You might wonder where the word soccer came from. Football was born in England 1050-1075, first known as "futballe", a kicking game. The game's origin is from Sparta 500 BC. and it was brought to England by the Romans. In 1863, the London Football Association was born which was the first organization for football. In the late 1800s and early 1900s soccer was the first kind of football played in the United States and the most popular kind of football played in countries other than the USA.

Soccer and football are not the only forms of the

game. Many different variations of it are played around the world such as rugby and Australian Rules football, which are less popular.

When football, the American version began to be popular among college students and other people in the late 1800s and early 1900s, football, the English version, was called Association Football. Later it was just called Association Football and, hence, the word soccer. The dictionary defines the word as slang, but to the diehards then and now, soccer is football and football is soccer.

"I feel comfortable using either name," said Dimitris Rigos from Greece, "I don't mind the letters,



I just love the game no matter what they call it.

"I do not think there is a simple explanation for the success of football over soccer here in the US," he speculated. "Americans just like the game more and the rest of the world likes soccer; it is in the culture and there is nothing we can do to change it."

Liking a sport that you understand over a sport you do not know so well is quite natural. Soccer is not very popular here yet, but more and more people are getting interested.

"I like both football and soccer," said Betty Dusing, reference librarian, "but to watch football is more enjoyable for me, because I understand the game much better. I watch soccer, because all my grandchildren play it and I can see how much they enjoy it."

"Football is number one for me," said Michelle Leikir, a senior from Park College, "but sometimes I watch soccer too, although I don't understand the rules yet. Why do they show those yellow cards every now and then?"

Soccer, the fascinating kicking game is undoubtedly the most popular team game in the world. It draws big crowds all over: from Moscow to Rio de Janeiro, from Nigeria to South Korea and it is well known in the Park College community.

Here are a few examples of the answers given to the question, *What is the most popular sport in the world?* "Soccer", "Is it soccer?", "It must be soccer", "Mmm, I don't know, maybe soccer?"

'Why do they show those yellow cards every now and then?'

--Michelle Leikir

Why do people in all cultures like soccer so much?

One reason is the ease of the game, everyone knows how to kick a ball. Soccer is easy to set up, the only thing you need is the ball. This is an advantage over other team sports in which you need a net, basket, sticks or some other equipment to play.

The common thing for almost all team sports is the ball, that round thing which in a strange way fascinates and encourages people to play, and the soul of the game. What a great invention it has been!

Think about the word football and its literal meaning. Foot is a human body part and ball is a round piece by which we can do so many different kinds of things. When we combine these words it should be something that includes both words, ball and foot, my immediate thought is kicking, not throwing and carrying. So it would be natural and logical that soccer is called football and football something else, maybe throwball or passball. Anyway, if the word football could be copyrighted, the soccer players would get first choice, because the game dates back much further than American football.

"It makes sense," said Dusing, "to call soccer football, since you use your feet more in soccer. This is kind of confusing; maybe football could be called passball or runball, but still they kick the ball in football too."

Association Football or Assoc Football's expansion outranks any big time spectator sport in the world and that growth is a long way from a standstill. The sun never sets on soccer, because it has been and will be the leading team game in the world.

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The Glauners and their grandson

Nicole Simmons and
Mikendra Massey



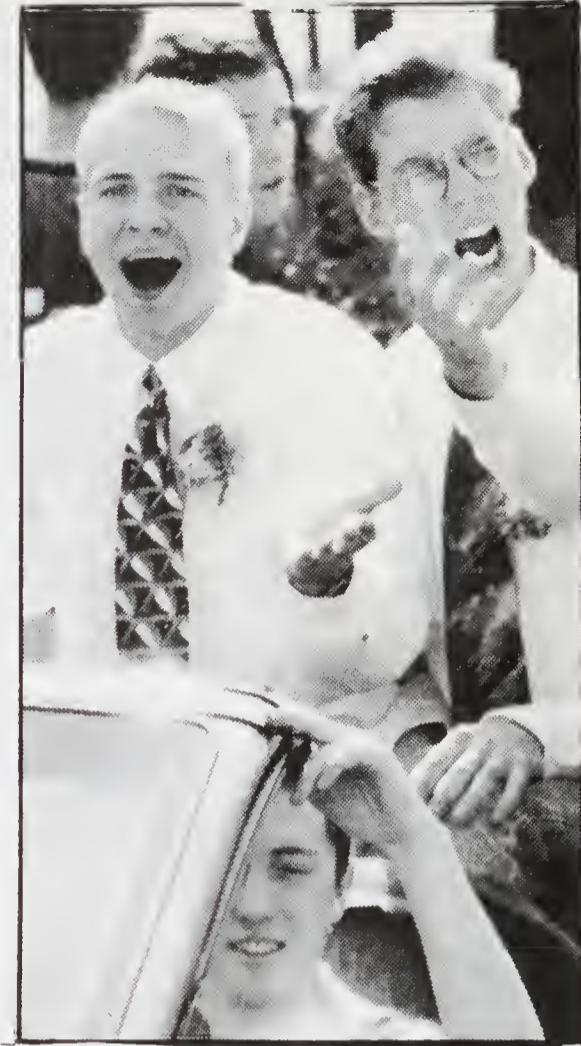
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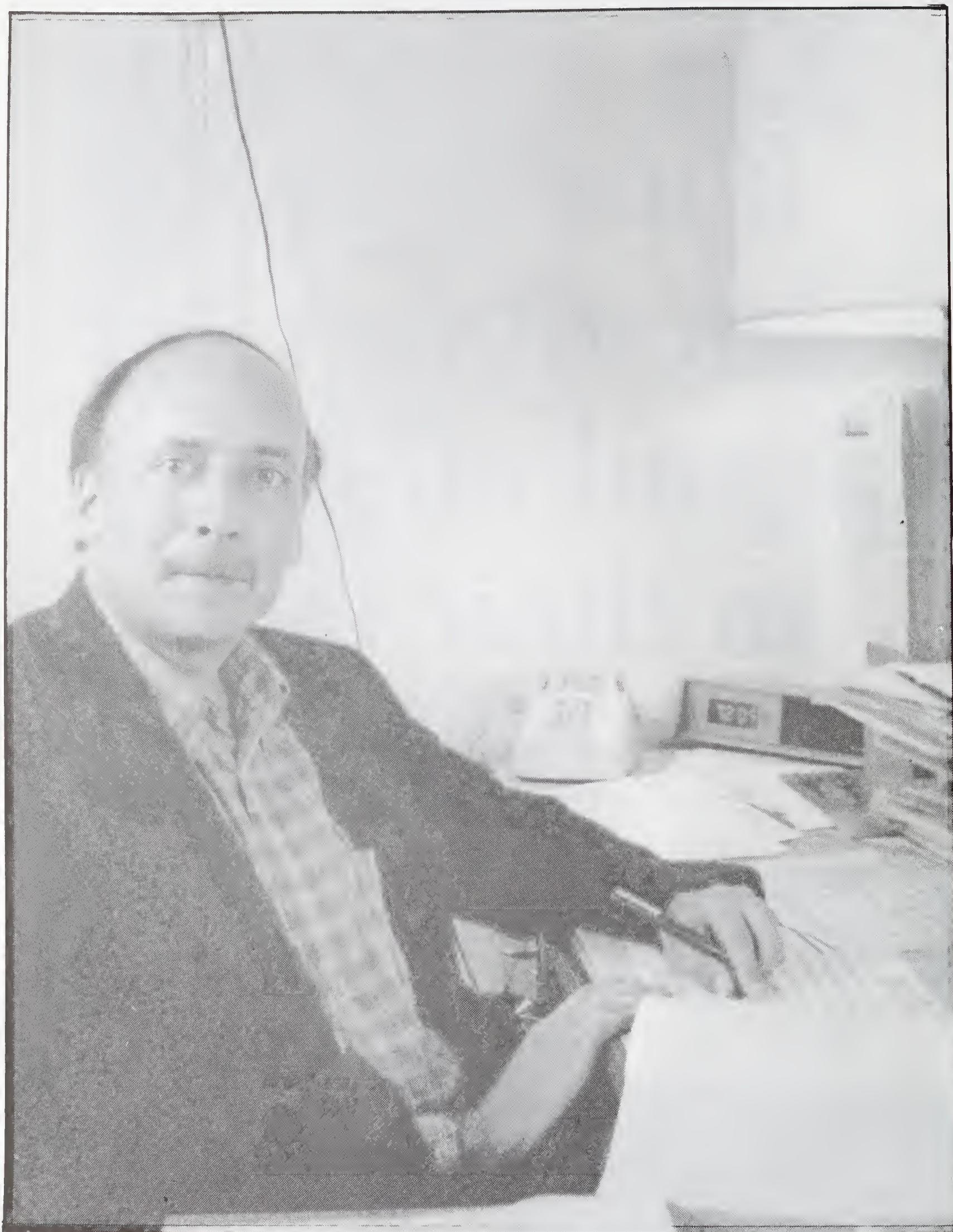
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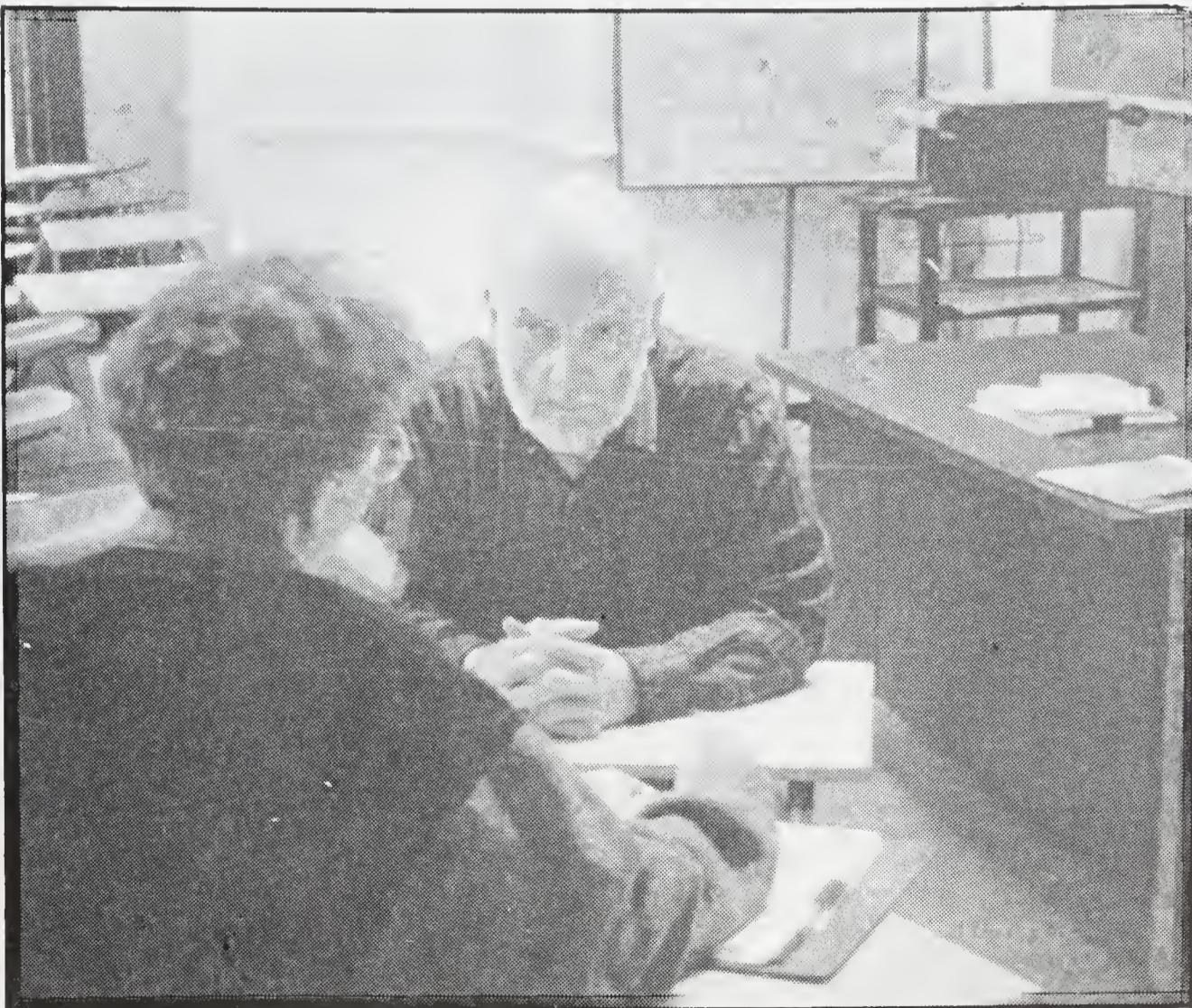


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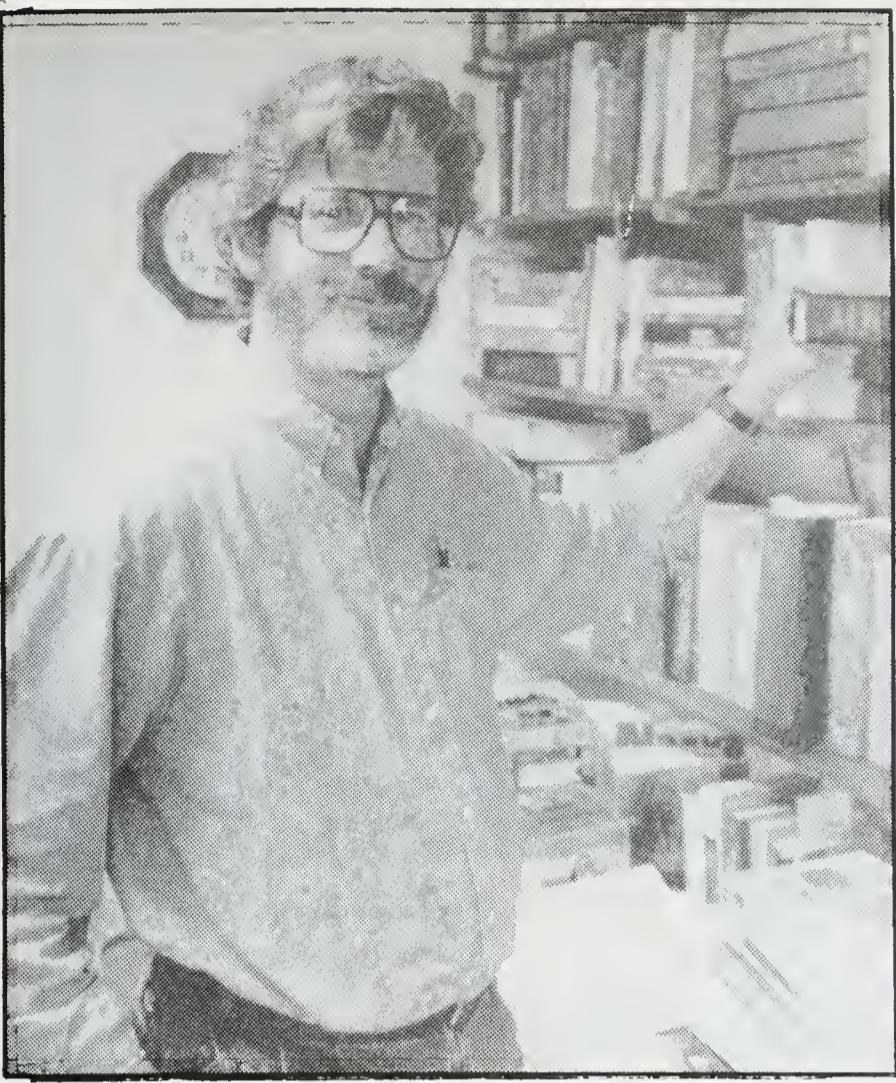
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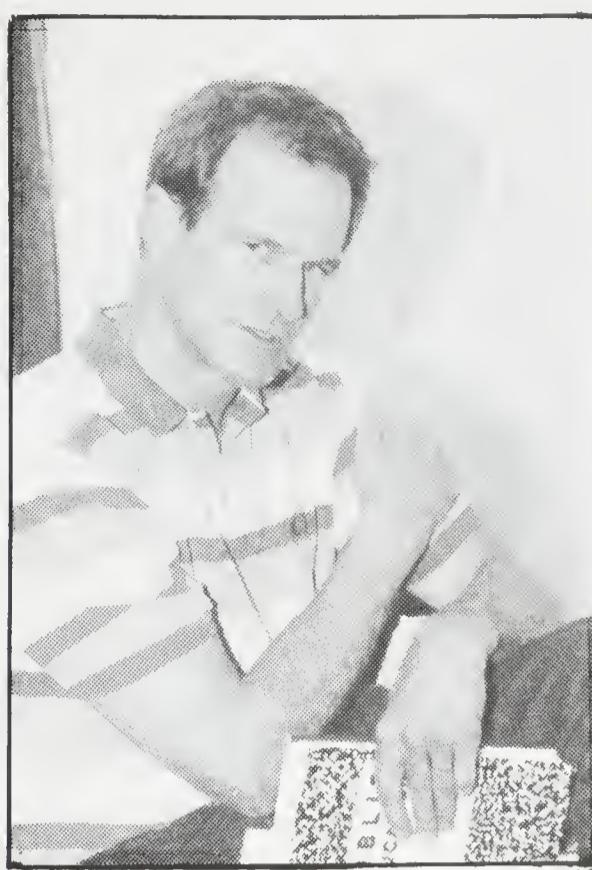
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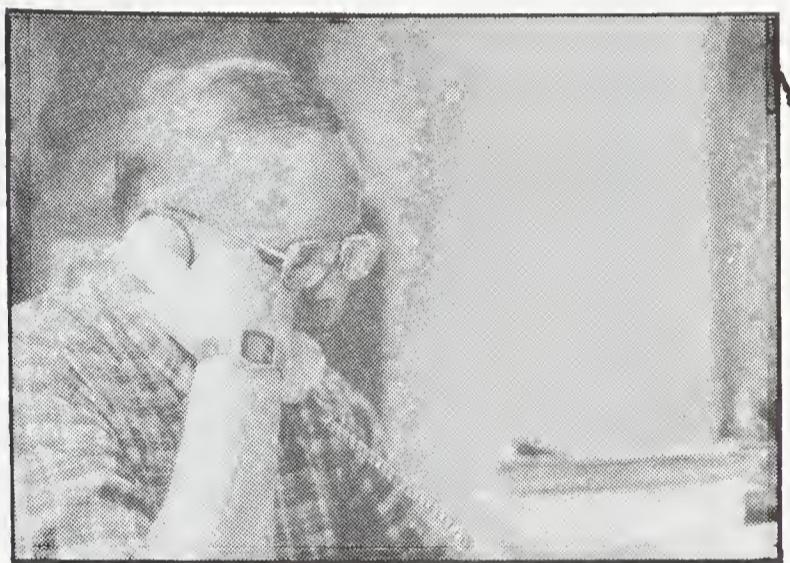
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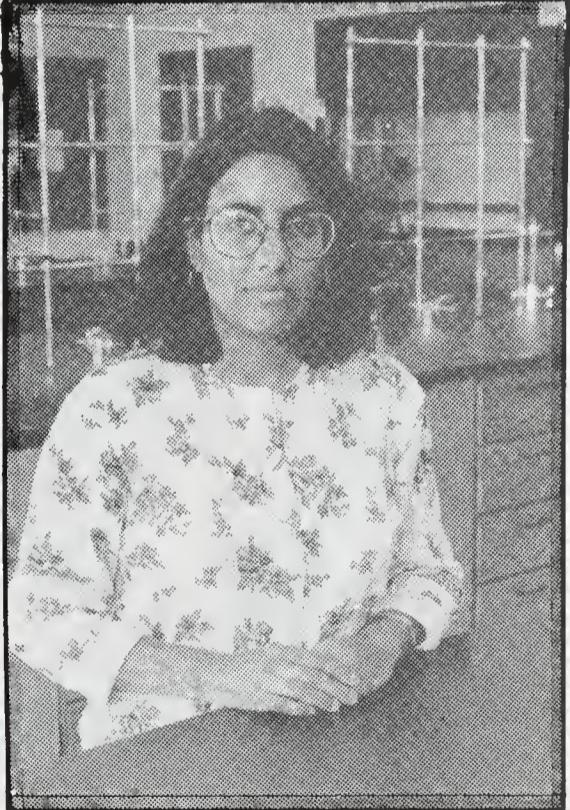
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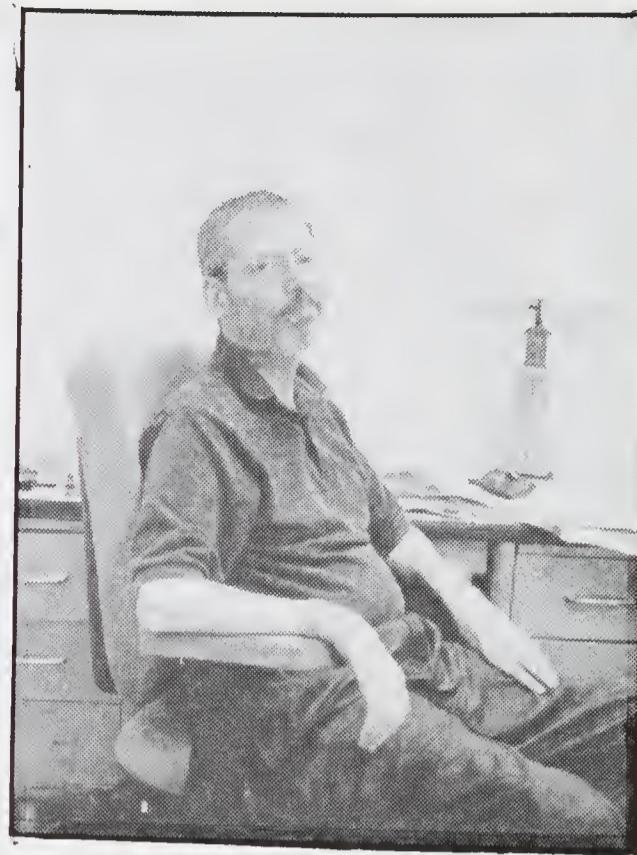


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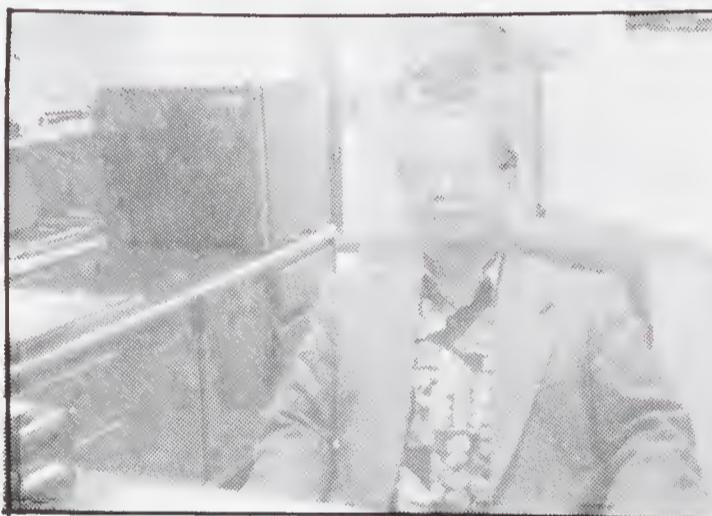
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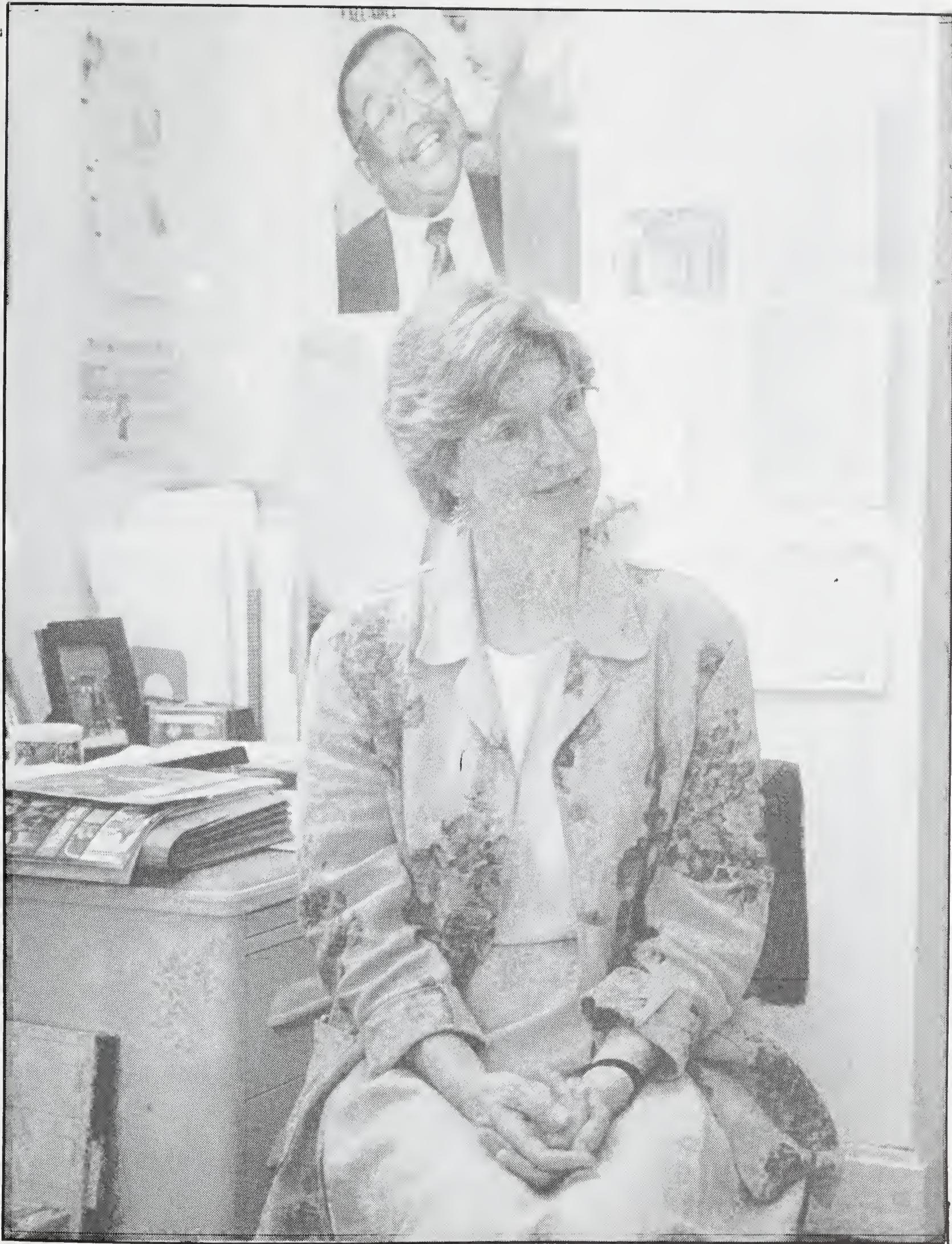


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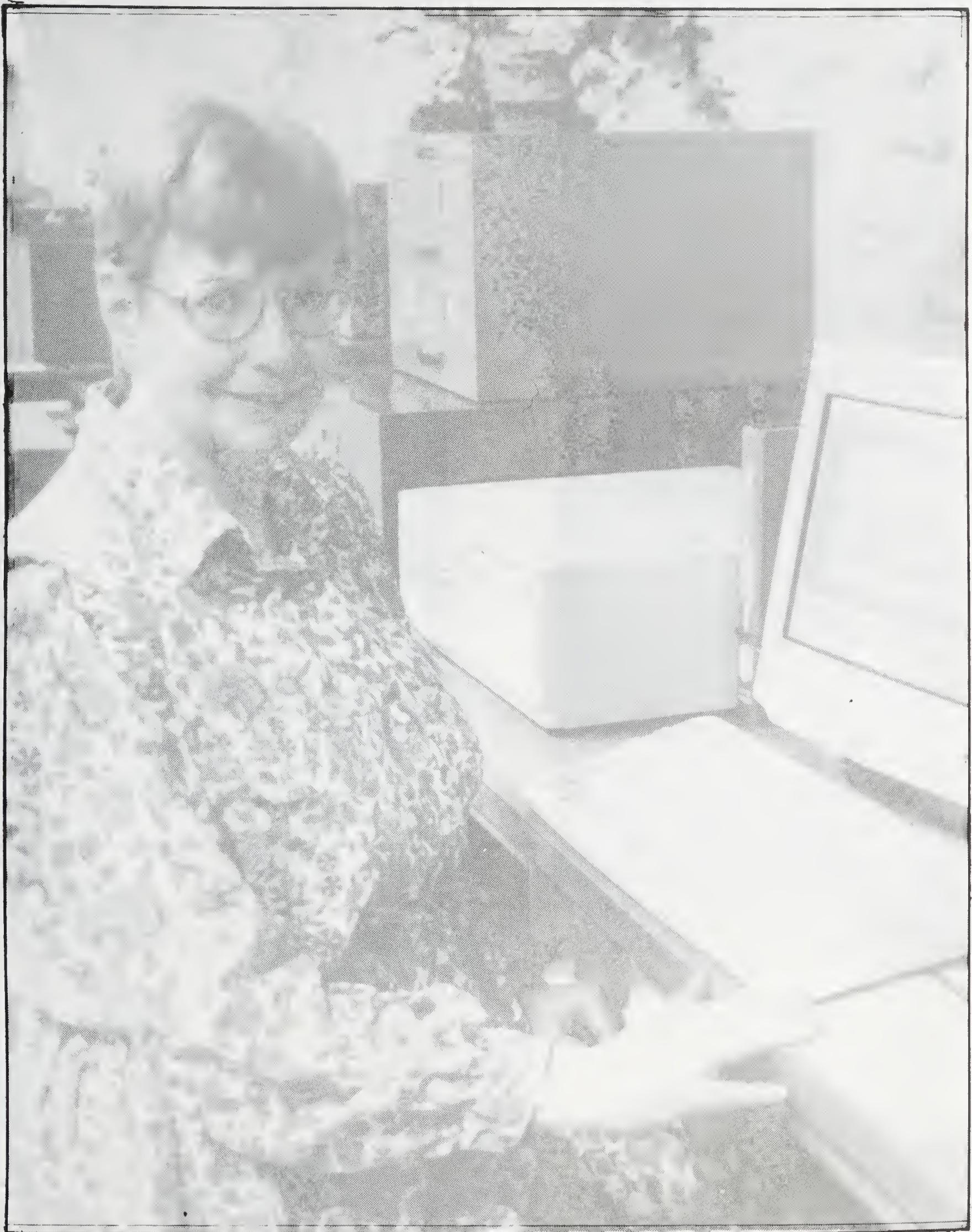


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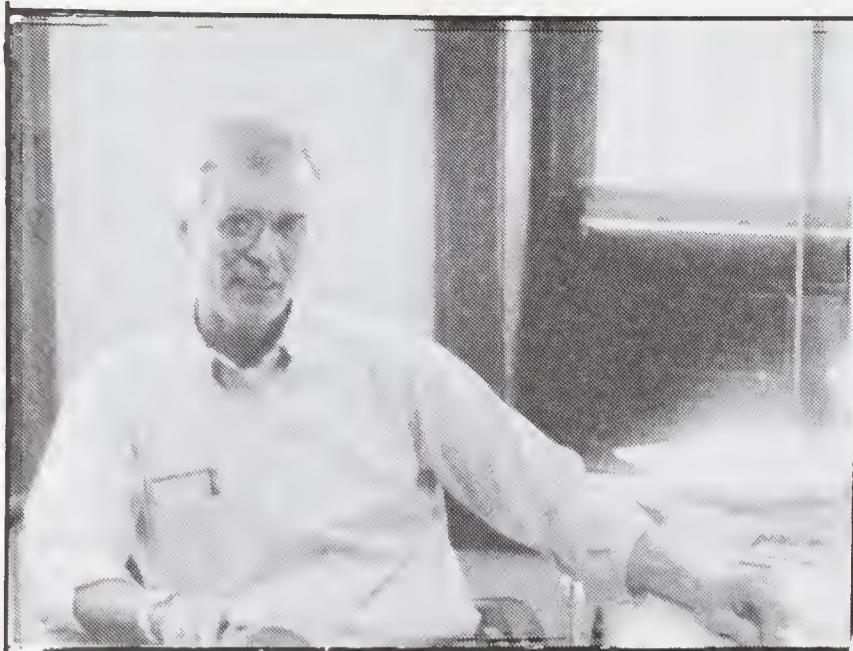


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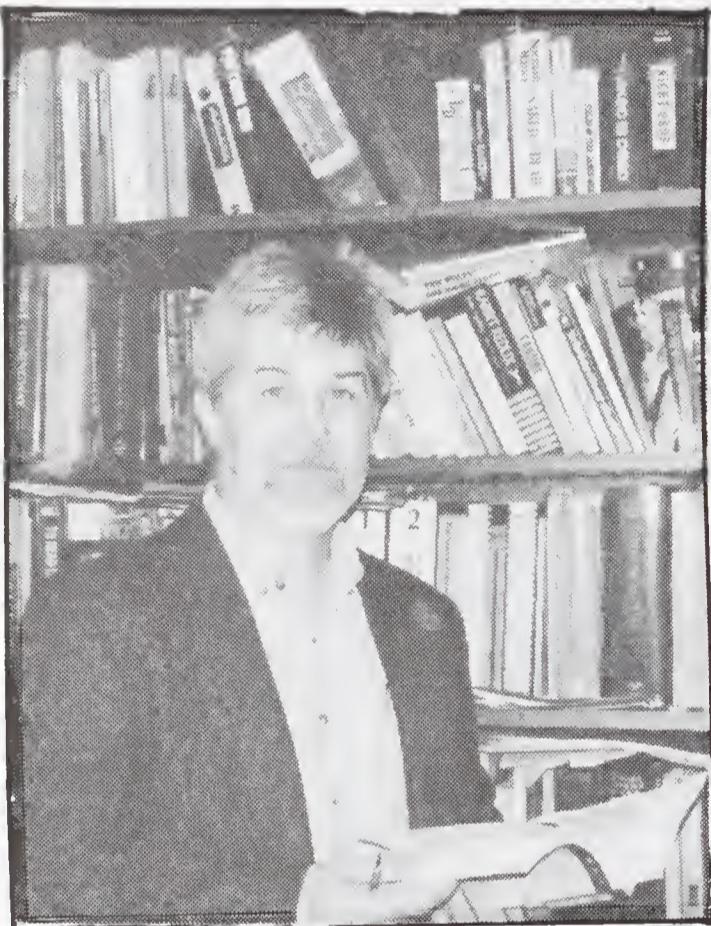
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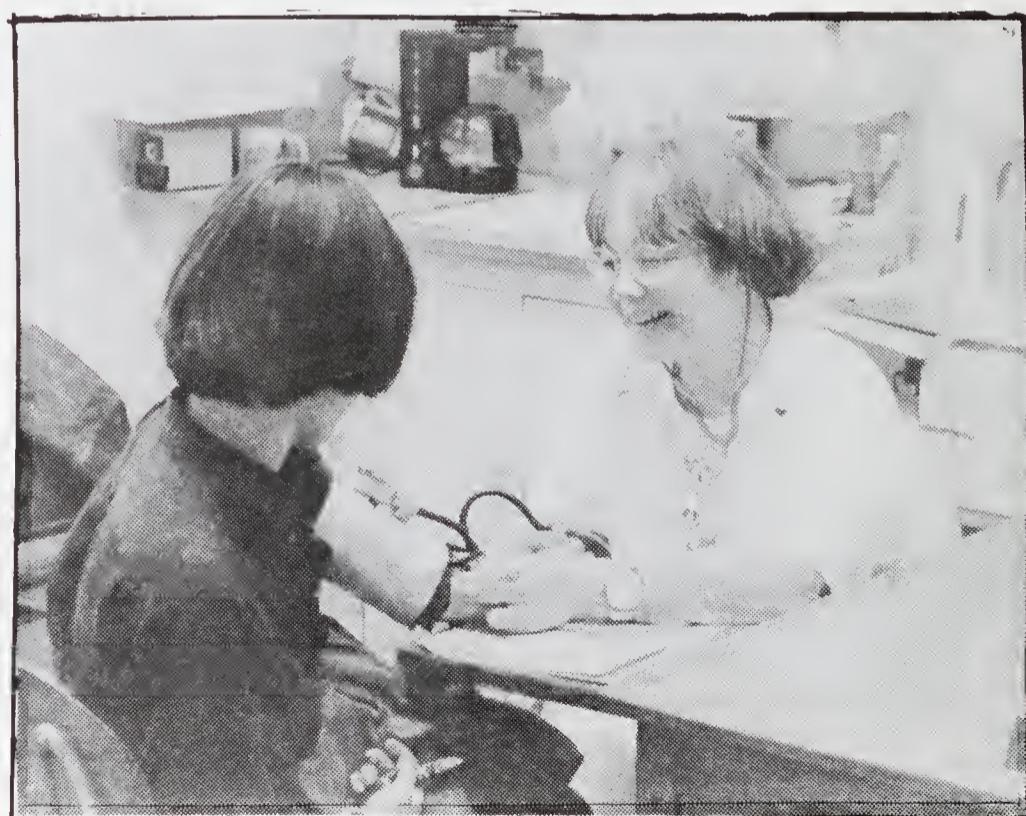
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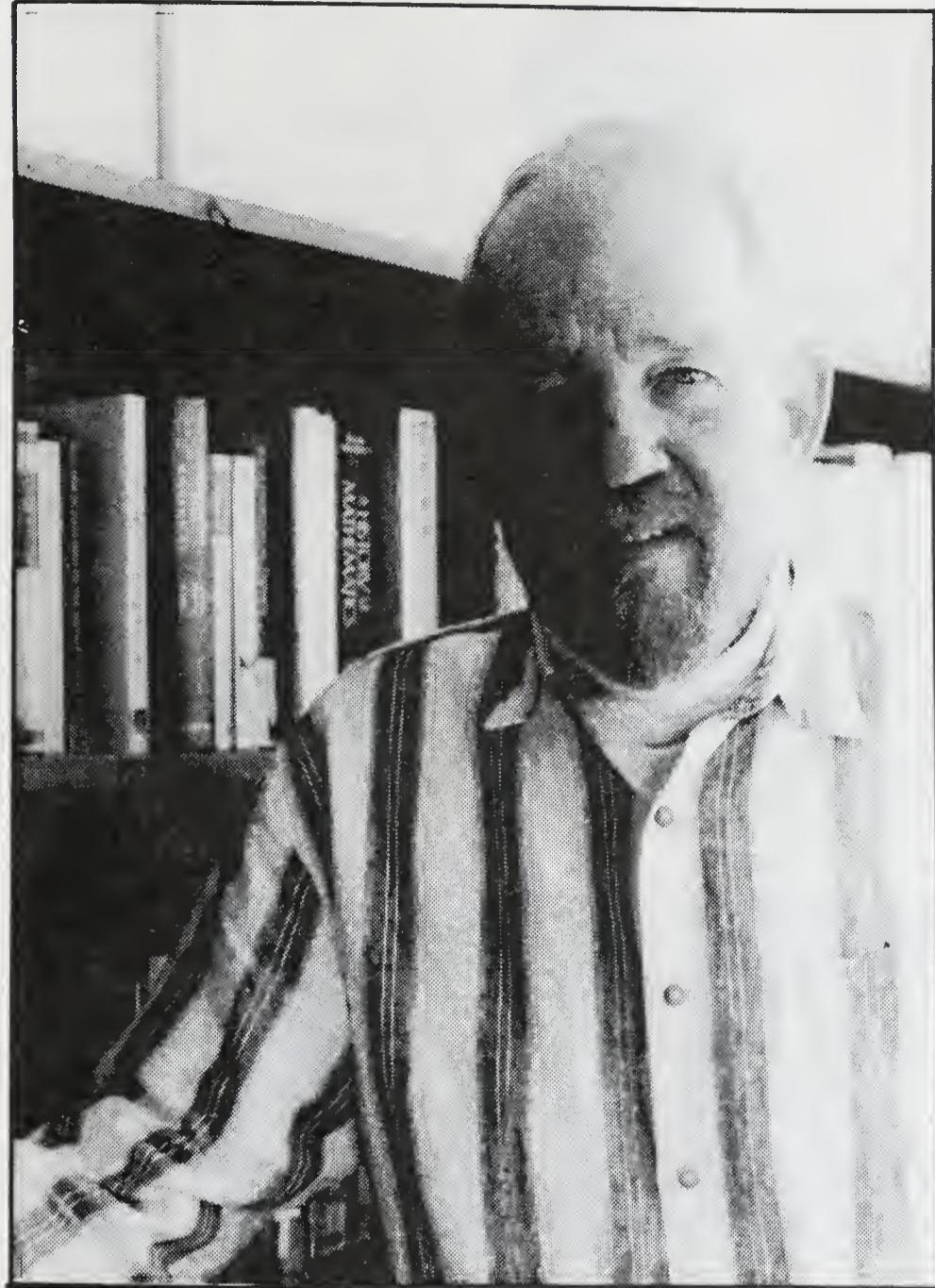
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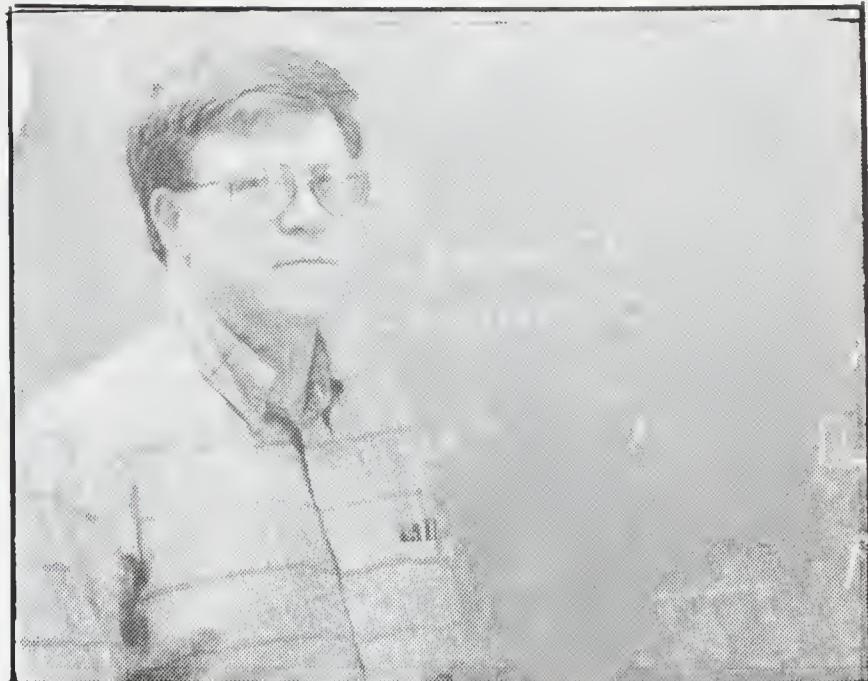
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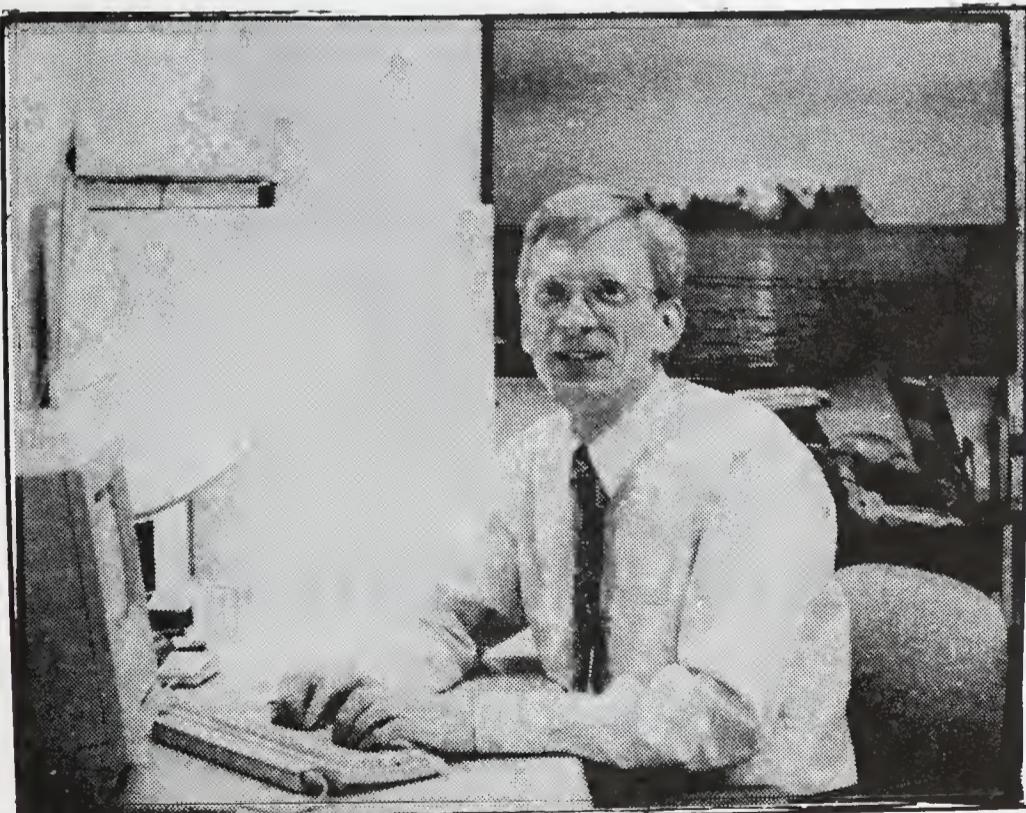
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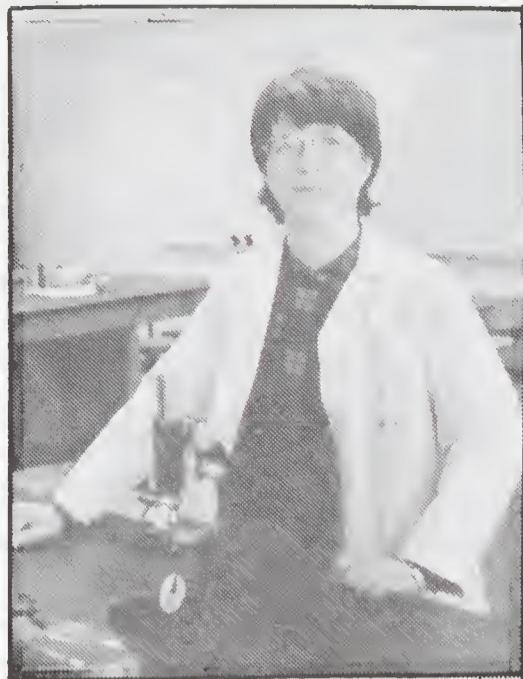
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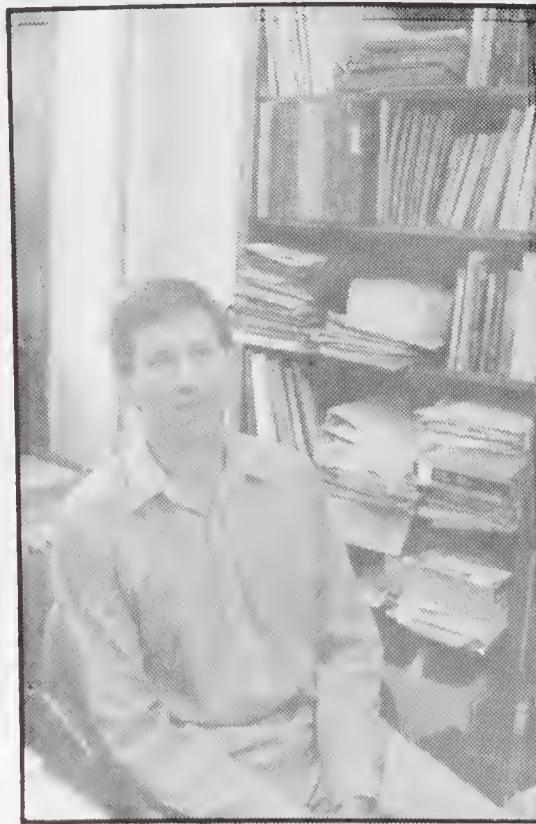
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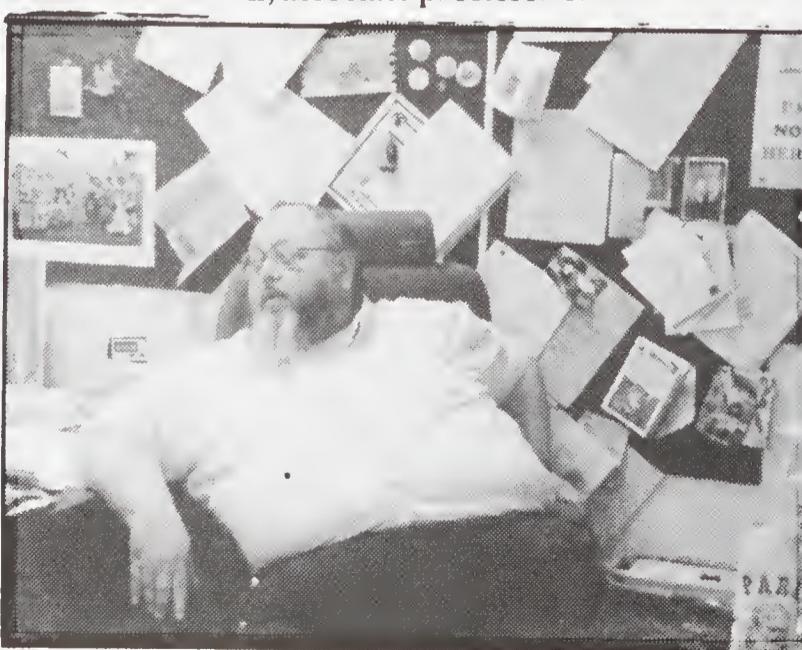
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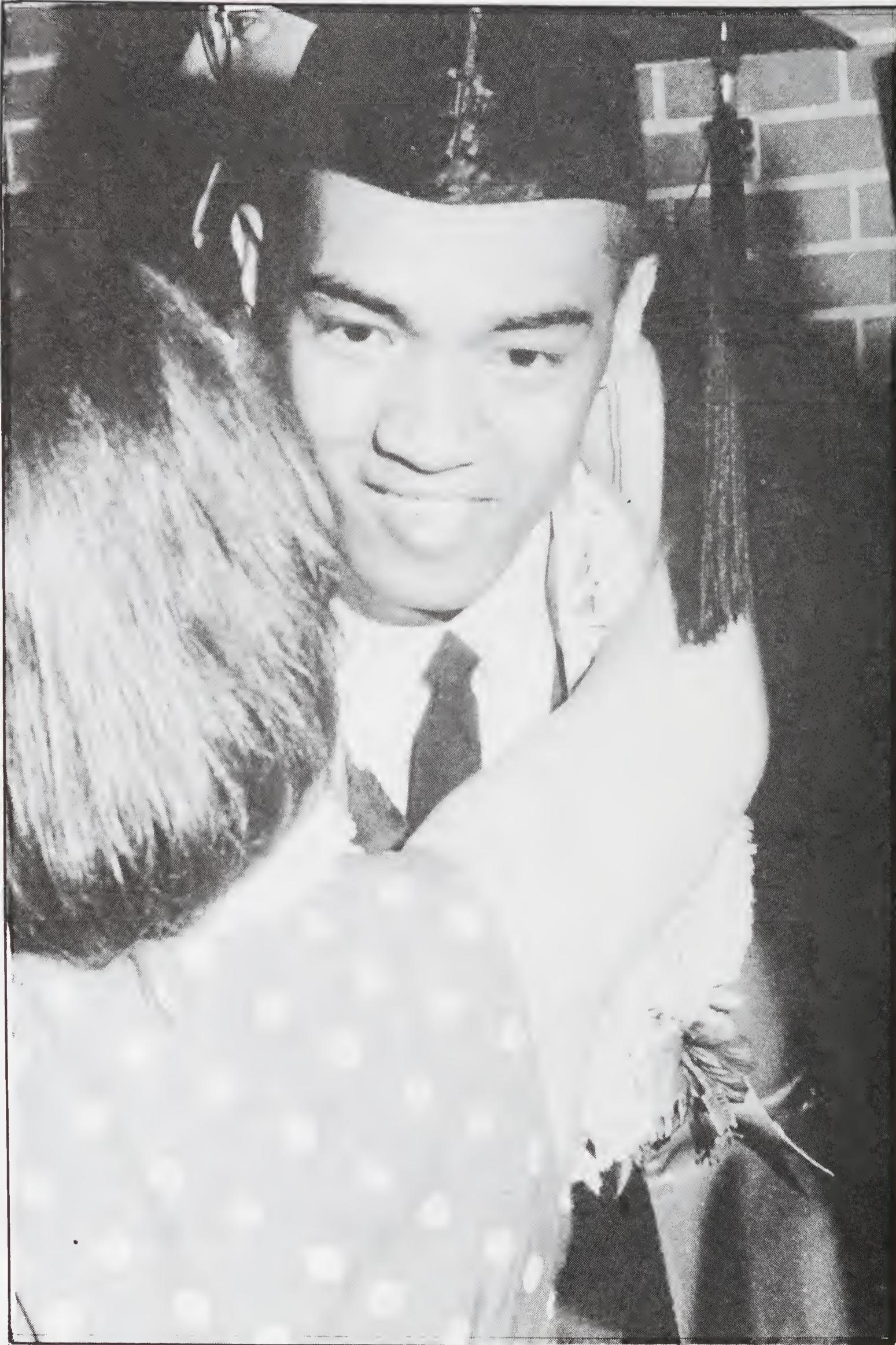
Happy graduates wave salutation to friends and family in the halls of Park Hill High School, (top and bottom). Wade McClendon looks pensive (bottom, left).



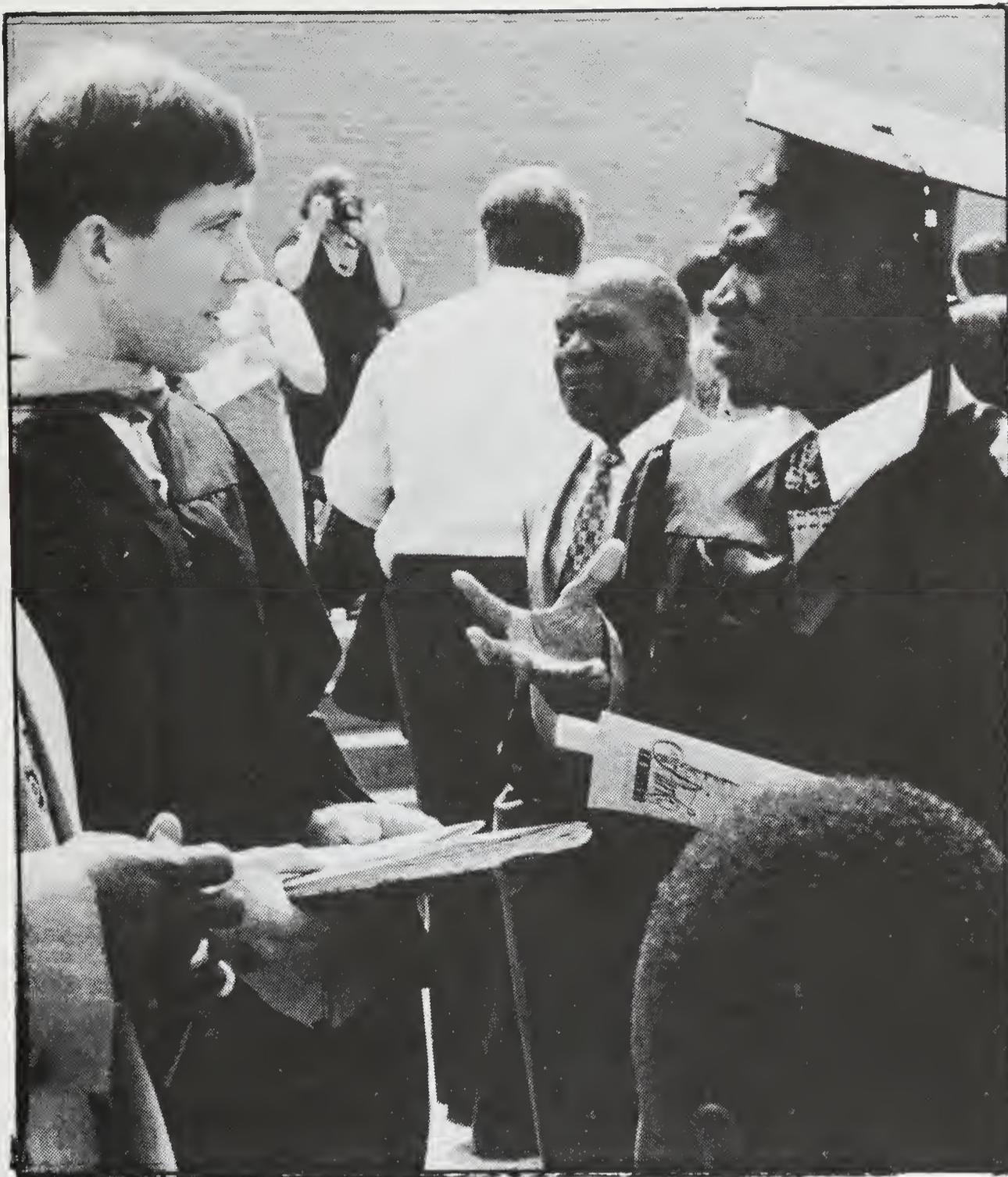


Jackie Bradbury and Mike Malone compare notes after graduation.

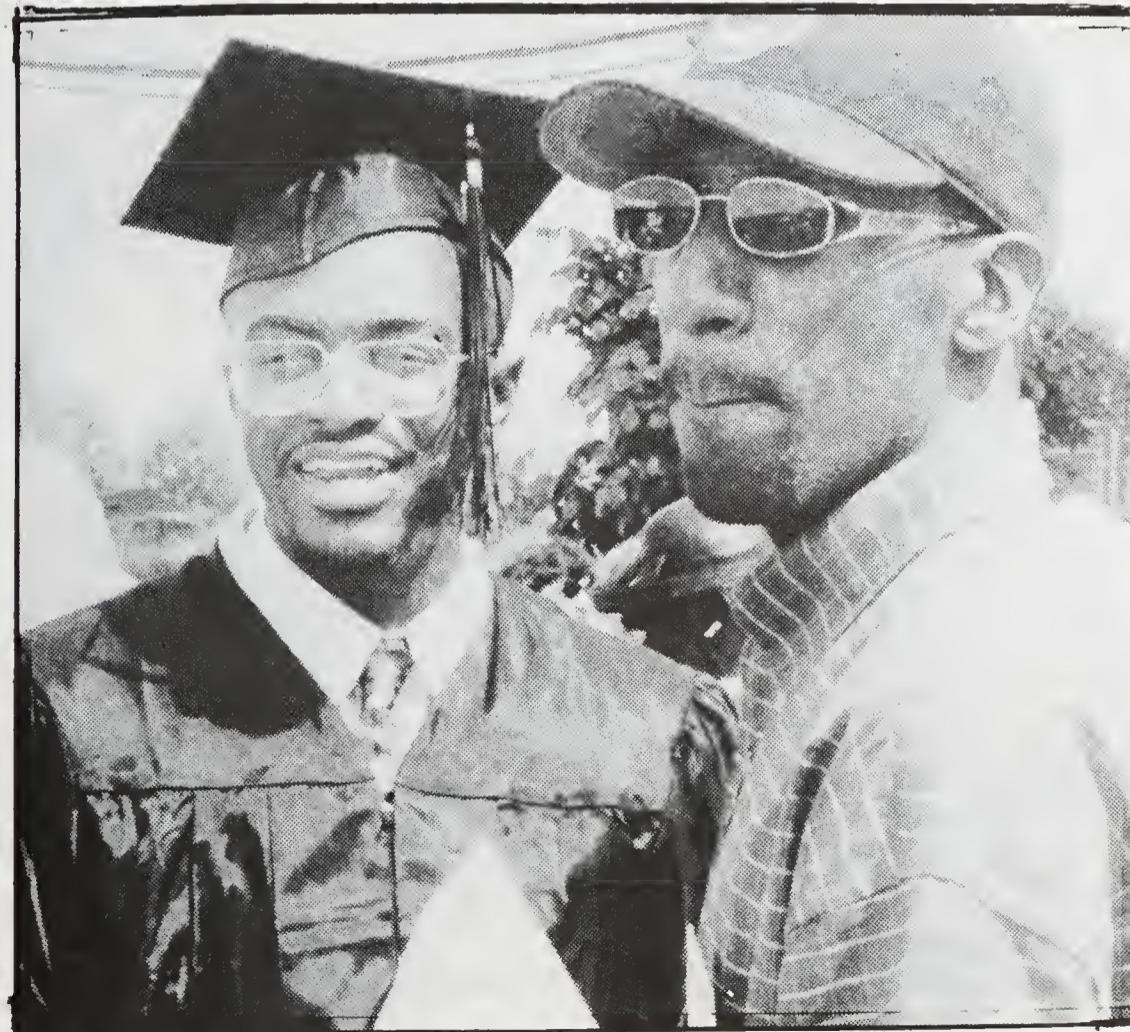
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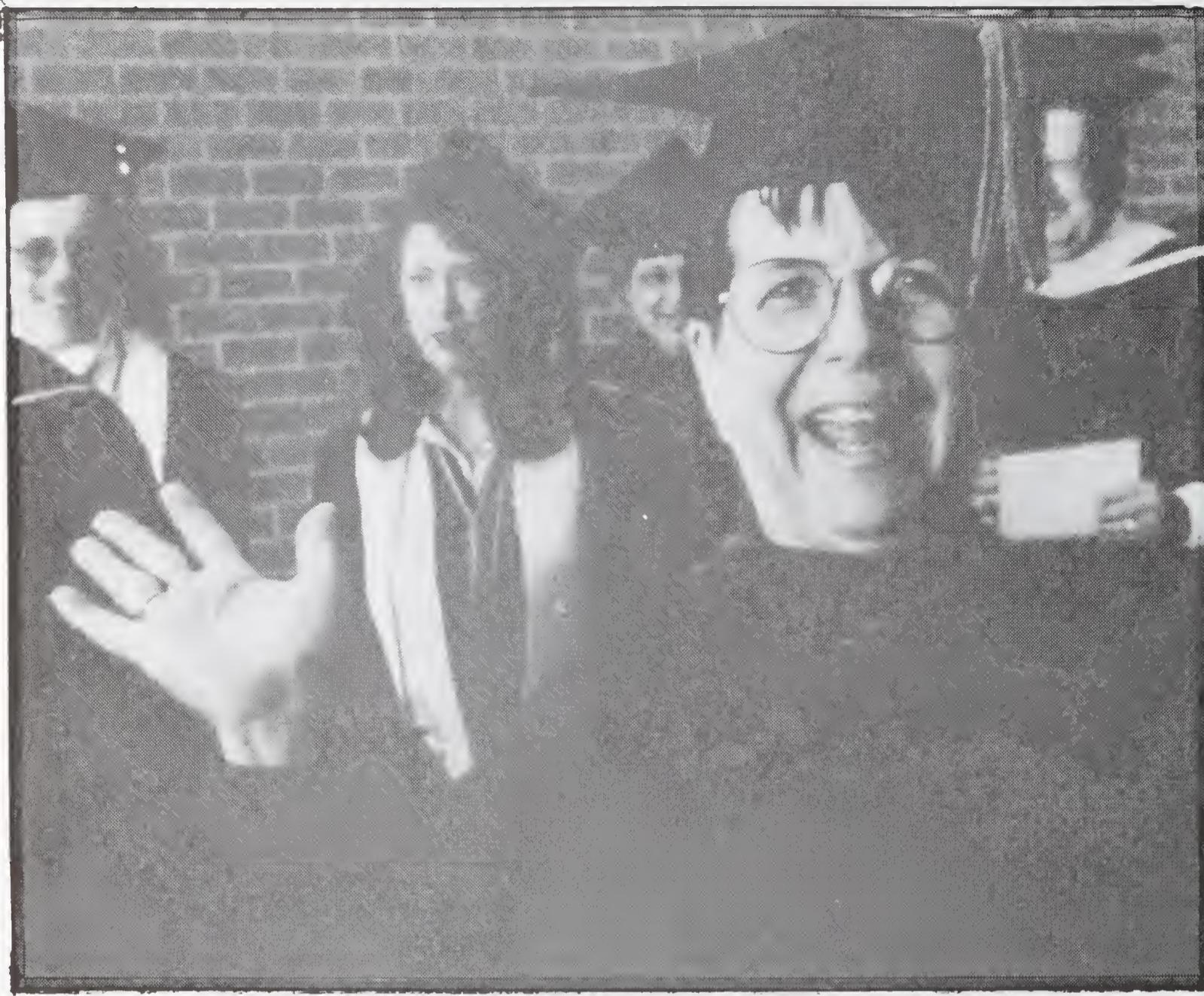
Steve Titiml is congratulated outside the high school auditorium.



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Rod Perkins and friend celebrate the day.



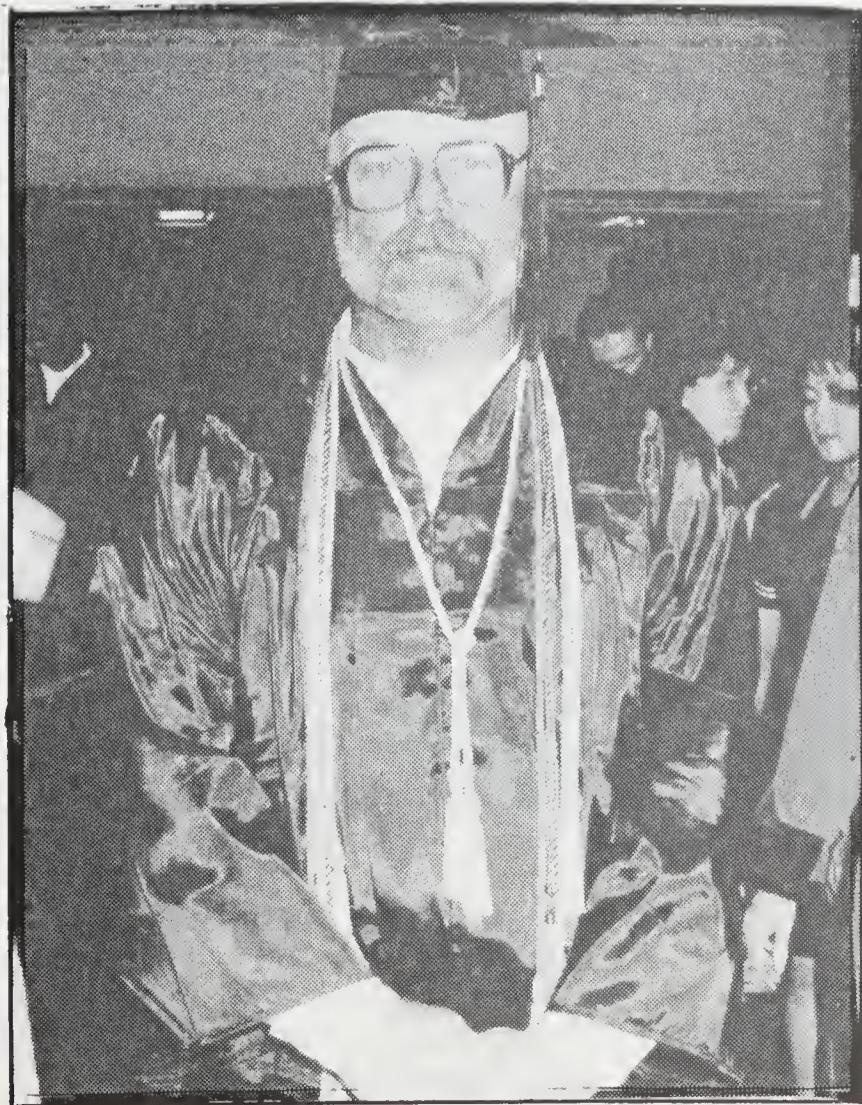
**Dr. Dorothy May,
enters the hall with a
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Parkites, Michael
Johnson and Angela
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**Rita Haltwiger embraces
graduate Laura Clark in
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Andrea Sosa



Bruce Walker in a sedate moment.



GRADUATION



Graduate Hannah Tuatagaloa, dressed in traditional garb at graduation.

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**Park Pirate
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Running from the heart becomes way of life

By Brandon Billings
Narva reporter

Drive, determination, and the will to succeed are three principles one must have in order to prosper in this world called life.

This is not just a sports story. This is a story about seeing an end result and going after it with everything you have to offer. It is about setting a standard to live by and then following it to the tee.

To succeed, the Park College Men's Cross-Country Team must demonstrate such traits.

The team estimates they run close to 3,000 miles, and go through five to six pairs of running shoes each year. On an average day, the team runs about theree to five miles in the morning and then about five more miles in the evening.

"There's a lot of camaraderie with the guys you train with," Mike Jackson, a senior at Park College majoring in communication arts said. "They're getting up at 6:30 (a.m.) and everyone suffers through it together. It's sort of like being at war. When you're suffering with other people it helps bring you closer together."

Jackson said the majority of people who do not run, cannot fully understand what drives someone to put forth such effort.

"It's hard for to grasp why people run," Jackson said, "to explain it to a non-runner is complicated. It's a habit. You have to want the habit."

Jeremy Spreitzer, a senior at Park College majoring in history, has been running ever since his sophomore year in high school in Arizona. He said breaking his elbow in a high school football game helped convince him he needed to look elsewhere for extracurricular activities.

"The first time I ever ran was the first day of track," Spreitzer said with a smirk. "My distance coach said, 'Okay, I want you to go and do this loop,' and I said, 'okay, not a problem.' So, not knowing how to control my pace, I went out and sprinted the entire first mile and then the second mile I pretty much walked and jogged, and looked around wondering if he saw me, and then about the last mile I picked it up to a slow trot. And then when I finished, I said, 'Jeez coach, how far was that - like 10 miles?' And he said, 'no, that was only three.' It took me close to 40 minutes to finish this three-mile run. So, I was in pretty bad shape."

Today, Spreitzer said running is a major part of his life. Both his father and uncle ran track, and he felt it was only natural for him to follow suit. He said running is almost like an addiction for him.

'...they're not doing it because they're crazy. They're doing it because they're human.'

--Spreitzer

"It's almost like a compulsive type disorder, where if you miss a lot, you start to feel guilty," Spreitzer said. "I think any athlete's that way though."

"Every year I take a month off after the season is over," Jackson said.

Jackson said taking the time off gives him a chance to reflect and plan for the upcoming cross-country season. He said the rest make him hungry for the next season.

While the team concept is a major part of cross-country, both runners believe a certain competitive spirit does exist for each person who laces up his or her running shoes and heads out to accomplish a goal.

"Although, there's a team concept to cross-country, it really comes down to a personal thing," Jackson said. "And so the personal experience is the same for every person. If you're the worst runner or the best runner, the challenge is the same, whether it's to make a time or a place or to just finish the race."

"It's a constant process, to test your own boundaries and limits," Spreitzer said. "It's self-rewarding. You are able to see the payoff in the end. If you want to got to the Olympics, that could be one extreme or it could be just knowing that you are in the best shape of your entire life. There's no limitation in running."

While neither Jackson nor Spreitzer can say what the future holds for them, they both hope running will be a part of their lives.

"There's a good chance I will run the rest of my life," Jackson said.

"Whenever you see someone out there running," Spreitzer said, "they're not doing it because they're crazy. They're doing it because they're human. It's in our nature to go out and pursue something that you're good at, and most of those people want to do that. Maybe they do it recreationally, but somehow it make them feel good. And when they feel good, it's something that's positive."

"Every time you finish a run, or you push yourself to the limit, or you're in a race, there is always someone there who might be better than you. Even if you hold the world record, some day, that's going to change. And it's knowing that, that makes you a humble person, and in general it makes you realize how precious life is whenever you finish a run. I get more excited when I finish a run, because I realize that I have lived another day. That's pretty humbling to me."



Conference Honors:

1st Team

All-Midwest Region:

- Mike Jackson
- Jeremy Spreitzer

2nd Team

All-Midwest Region:

- Jason Spreitzer
- Gabriel Trujillo

NAIA National Championship:

41. Mike Jackson - 27:38
104. Jeremy Spreitzer - 28:30
206. Jason Spreitzer - 29:27
264. Gabriel Trujillo - 30:19



Pirate runners place 11, 29 nationally

By Jeremy Walker

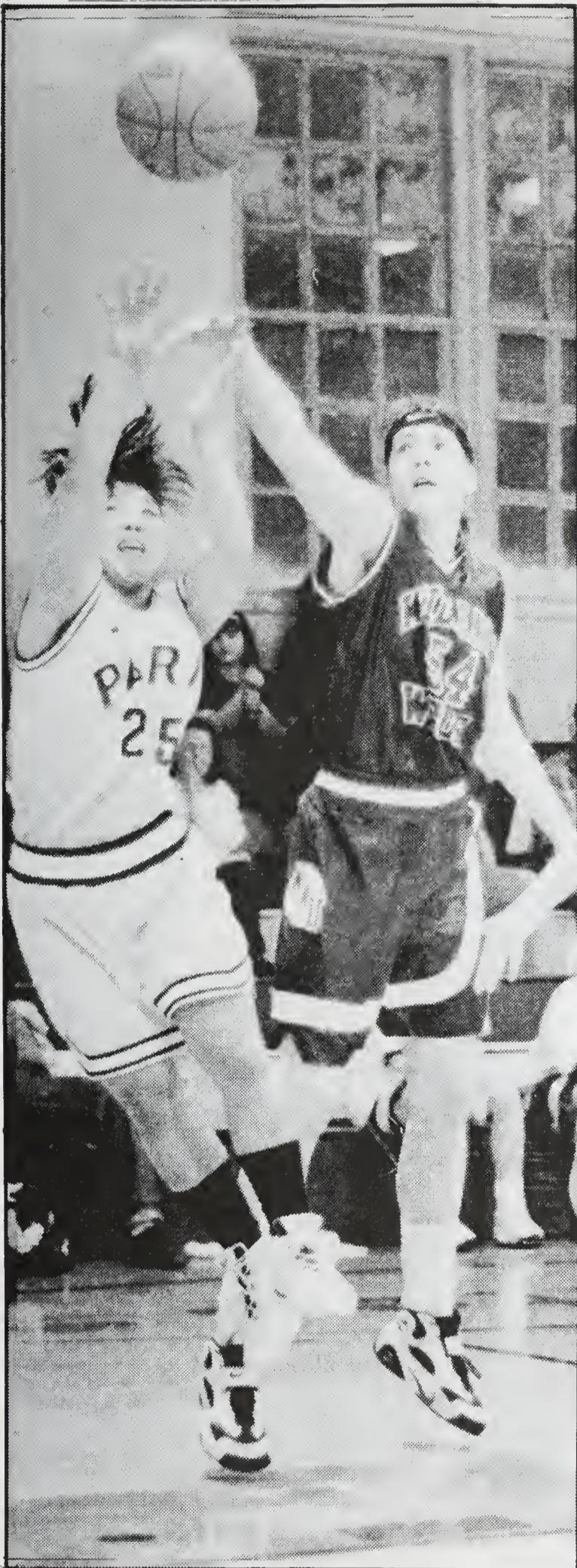
Walt Disney himself could not have done it any better. The Cross Country Pirate team brought home the gold. Well, not the gold, but a couple of national placings and a moral victory that did not involve finishing last. A climactic national tournament saw the 1997 Pirate women finish 11th, and the men 29th.

Maria Medina finished 22nd in the 5k, leading Park, while fighting laryngitis and a pulled muscle in her knee. A young team followed Medina to the finish line, Mikki Massey took 73rd, Bethany Oyster 101st, Kim Crawford 107th, Ayda Sandoval 193, Heather Cruz 208th and Candice Hernandez 224th.

"This was the toughest I've ever seen nationals," said Coach Brian Renshaw. "I've been to races where there have been great individuals, but this was the deepest the field has ever been. On the women's side, I have had kids place where Bethany and Kim did yet they ran 30 seconds slower. All-American last year took a 19:17. I had a girl this year run 19:16 (Massey) and she took 73rd. Maria's time this year would have placed her in last year's top 10."

"A year ago the men's 29th place finish would have put them at 17th."





Lady Pirates hit stride late in roundball year

By Jeremy Walker

A slow start is not the right phrase for the 1997 Lady Pirates basketball team. Taking until mid-December to collect their first win, the high hopes of the Park squad came thundering down.

"I would say a couple of things kept us from picking up a win," Said Coach Elaine Gonya. "We need to play two complete halves. We've played two pretty good halves and we lost those games by very narrow margins. In the games that we've lost by more than 10 points, we've had spans of at least three minutes, if not more in which we haven't scored at all. Little things are killing us like not boxing out, not following our shots, rushing shots and throwing the ball away. It is a good thing that many of our players are able to score this year. In the past we've tended to rely on one or two to do the scoring. We have consistently had three, four and even five players score in double figures. If we can put four people in double figures per night, chances are the game will be very close."

The Lady Pirates continued to struggle all season long, showing a lack of team play. The raw desire and fight was not in the Pirates. Signs of progress did not begin to show until the end, when the Pirates split the last eight conference games to end up 4-6 and fourth in the American Midwest Conference.

Personal glory came to several of the round ballers: junior Janel Ikeda earned a player of the week award, from Feb. 23 to March 1, and the only Pirate to make first team all-conference. Debbie Smades and Janee Townsend were both voted second team all-conference. Heather Weers was selected as the AMC's representative to the NAIA for the Emil S. Liston Award given to an outstanding junior scholar-athlete in basketball.

Heads Up

Kevin Kuzma
Managing Editor

At season's start, Matt Clark, head coach of the men's and women's soccer teams, was new to the Park College campus. He hadn't guided either Park squad to a win, or loss. But, by the end of his inaugural season, Clark grew accustomed to strolling the legendary Pirate coach's box once roamed by former athletic director and Pirate legend Ben Popoola. Clark's two teams gained prominence in the American Mid-West Conference and performed once again the national spotlight.

The ladies put together an impressive season, traveling to San Antonio, Texas to participate in the NAIA national tournament. The women were denied the tournament crown, exiting with consecutive losses against their first opponents.

Bruton-Parker defeated the Lady Pirates by a count of 4-0 and Findley University finished off Park 4-1.

The double-elimination tournament was far from disappointing for the Lady Pirates, who obtained a regular season record of 13-4-1. According to Clark, the dominance of the Lady Pirate squad lies in the scoring attack.

"We have the best forwards in the conference and may have the best front line in the nation," Clark said. "Our midfield set them up by dominating their area of the field."

Park began the season with an impressive victory on Labor Day over Kansas Newman, 6-0, in front of a home crowd. The story of the opener was a newcomer, freshman Emily Kobek, who



scored three goals for the ladies. Kobek may have been overlooked by a defense concerned with guarding her teammates Shaun Riggins and junior Leire Arruabarena, consistent threats to



Left: Shaun Riggins maneuvers past a defender and kicks for the open net. Above: Aleksi Valta lunges into the air, head first, to advance the ball down field.

Fall '97 results

By Jeremy Walker

Time ran out on the Pirates' season, plain and simple: The men's soccer team dropped a squeaker to McKendree College in the second round of the American Midwest Conference playoffs, by a final score of 3-2. A struggle all the way, the men watched time expire on a contest where the last team to possess the ball could be victorious.

But, McKendree was the last team to touch the ball against the netting. Although, the season didn't officially end there for the Pirate squad: post season honors have been awarded to the season's best performers.

Junior midfielder, Aleksi Valta was recognized as Co-Player of the Year for 1997 in the American Midwest Conference and Josh Maupin, junior defender, was awarded Co-Newcomer of the Year in Park's second place finish in the AMC.

First Team All-Conference went to Valta, senior defender Dane Hall, and junior midfielder Esa Lehikoinen. Honorable mention was awarded to junior forward Ricky McGilchrist.

Right: Emily Kobek
battles a defender
for position. **Below:** Leire Arrubarrena
winds up for a
strong kick on goal





score.

"I'll make them pay for it," Kobek said. "The hat trick just happened."

The Pirates continued to win, posting a victory over St. Mary's-Omaha, 3-2, behind a hat trick by Arruabarena, and finishing off Westmar in Lemars, Iowa, and Lindsey Wilson in Fulton, Missouri.

In mid-season, Leire Arruabarena was recognized as NAIA National Player of the Week for her performance on the field. Another amazing feat

would come later in the season for Arruabarena when she scored five goals in a 9-1 blowout of Friends University.

"Just luck I guess," Arruabarena said. "I just waited for the right time and the keeper was always near the post, so I went far post."

Park continued the second half of the season with injuries looming larger than ever. The ladies continued to play tough, nevertheless, when they faced off with rival Rockhurst College and were defeated 3-0, Oct. 29, but bounced back

Esa Lehikoinen concentrates on the ball, and staying on his feet, while untangling himself from a defender.





Esa Lehikoinen struggles for balance after attempting to head a ball.

with an impressive outing Nov. 6, dismantling McKendree.

At season's end, it was gut check time for Park, when they edged out Rockhurst College in a rematch to see which team would head to nationals. The victory earned Park a plane flight to the big dance in San Antonio.

The men's soccer team jumped out to a quick lead in their final game of the season against Baker. Junior Aleksi Valta pounded his eighth goal of the season through the defense. The teams exchanged goals until the Pirates trailed 3-2 in the second half. Park's Paulo Murgida tied the contest with his second

goal on the day.

As the second half clock wound down, Park positioned themselves for victory on a corner kick. But the ball was deflected by a tough Baker defense. The Pirates were then beaten to their goal on an ensuing retaliation.

"We played tough," Clark said. "The conditions were horrible, but the guys really did play well. It's a disappointing way to end the season."

Senior forward Paulo Murgida was named NAIA player of the week for his two goals and one assist in Park's 4-1 win over Westmar University on Sept. 13. Murgida, goalie Jason Mittendorf, defender Dane Hall and midfielder Aleksi Valta were honored as First Team

All-Conference. Sophomores Esa Lehikohenen and Ricky McGilchrist each achieved honorable mention.

The men's squad lost two seniors at the completion of the 1996 season: defender Matt Brewer and goalie/forward Prince Harmon.

"Brewer will be a very hard personality to replace," said Clark. "He hustles, plays with heart and is hard nosed. Prince was a good guy for the team. He didn't get to play all that much but he did the team good by accepting his role. He's the kind of guy you would want for a son. We'll miss them both."

Reaching for the top



Kevin Kuzma
Managing Editor

Street and Smith's College-Prep Basketball magazine tipped the nation off to the opening of the 1996-97 Park men's basketball season. The publication which provides in-depth scouting reports on over 450 of the country's brightest teams included a profile of junior center Beville Taitte, focusing the college basketball spotlight on the Pirate program two months before season's start.

"Anytime you play Park, I think you start with Beville Taitte," Claude English, head coach said. "That's what most teams do. As a coach that's what I would do. There is an advantage to having a marked man. So much attention is paid to trying to stop him that it opens up opportunities for other players. That's what the whole team concept is about."

Taitte and the Pirates took the hard wood in the Amercian Midwest Conference Pre-Season Tournament to begin their



Above Left: The Pirates psyche themselves up before taking their home floor. Above: DeSean Gildyard and Beville Taitte battle for a loose ball.



Above: The Pirate Men's Basketball team. Right: A scared opponent waits for a Pirate player to move toward the basket.

schedule. The roundballers put together three quality games in tournament play, taking apart Harris-Stowe 127-72, slipping past Columbia 75-70, and losing in double overtime to McKendree 80-77.

"The area I was really impressed and pleased with was on the defensive side of the ball," English said. "I really felt we did an exceptional job in all the games."

The Pirates continued on the winning

track early in the season, performing in top form against William Jewel and North West Missouri State in the Park home opener. But the Pirates were not spotless through out the entire season. Nebraska Wesleyan spanked the Pirates with a 30 point blow out Nov. 26. Park would get revenge.

Behind a 33 point career high by sophomore Walter Bethea, Park upped their season record to 9-4 with a 90-78 reversal of fortune against the Wesleyan Plainsmen.

Looking into...

Bethea, selected as last season's NAIA Freshman of the Year, sank eight three-pointers in the Pirate victory. He also contributed on defense as an intimate part of the full court pressure applied by Park. Beville Taitte finished strong with 21 points and Tyrone Jones scored 12.

"There's more maturity with this year's team," Bethea said. "Last year we had a lot of sophomores and freshmen who have now become

sopho-
mores
and
juniors
That's the
main dif-
ference.

"When
we're in
the right
positions
and we
run it
right, the

press makes it difficult for our opponents to do what they want to do. We need to run an up tempo game to be at our best. It forces teams to run with us and a lot of teams don't want to play us that way. It opens up easy opportunities on offense for us.

During "Championship Week", as English affectionately nick-named it, the Pirates hosted 13th ranked McKendree College and 25th ranked Columbia College.

The Pirates trounced both teams and set their sights on preparing for the conference tournament.

In the men's first post season game, Park took on Missouri Baptist and their unflattering 5-24 record. The Pirates, who compiled a 18-12 regular season record advanced past the Spartans easily with a 20 point romp in familiar surroundings. Park utilized high pressure defense and scoring

from Brian O'Neil, Tyrone Jones, Antoine Newbill, DeSean Gildyard, and Beville Taitte in the victory.

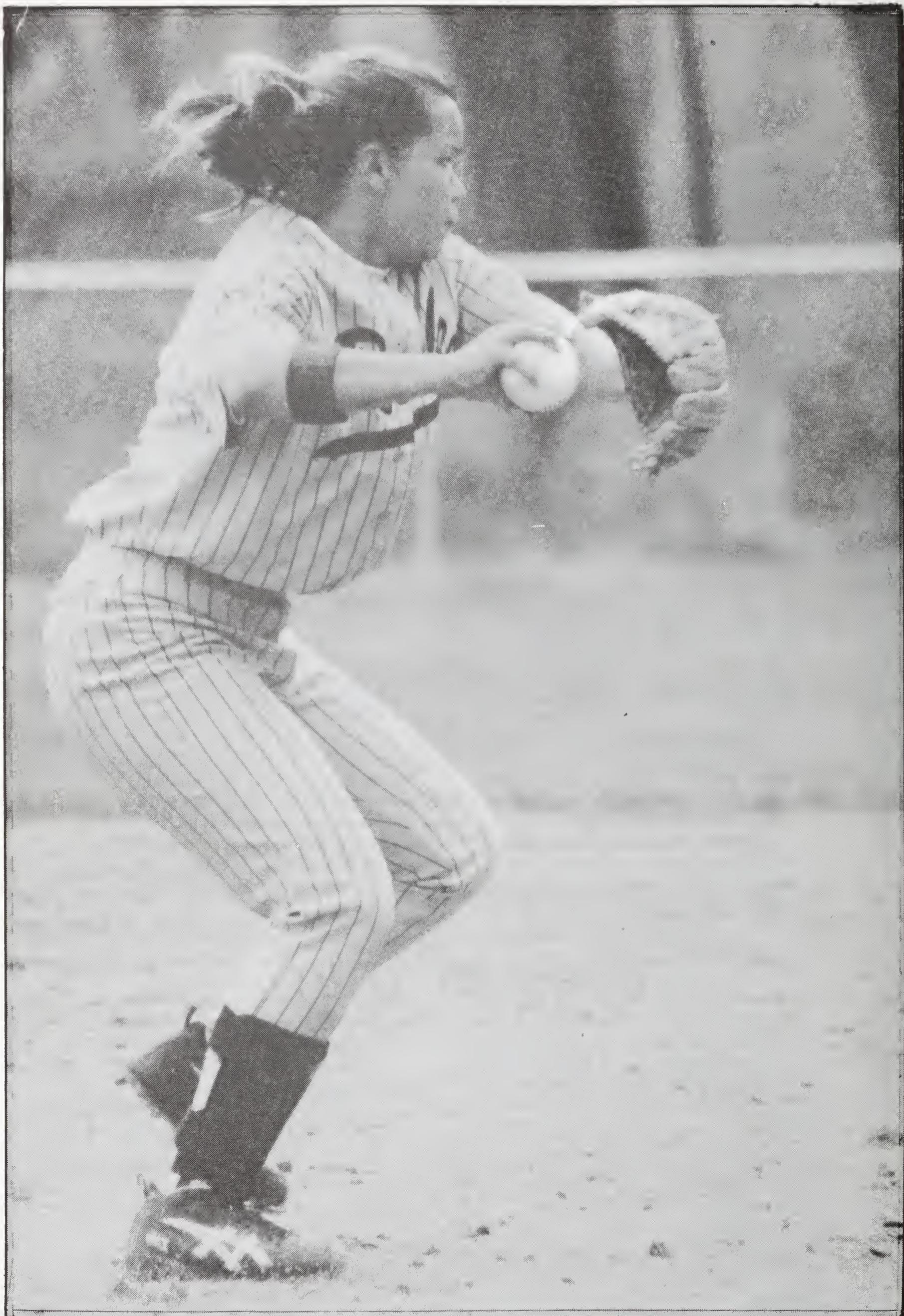
In the final game of the season, March 5,

Columbia College uprooted Park by a single basket, 65-63, in the second round of AMC tournament play.

The men lost seniors Antowin Edwards, Chris Lewis, and Brian O'Neil at the conclusion of the season, but retain 12 underclassmen for next season's battles where two points when the game's on the line may not be enough to bury an experienced Park team.



eyes of fear



Successful sophomore season for softball

The Spring 1997 softball season finished without a regional ranking, but the second year sport certainly avoided the sophomore jinx.

Monica Burnett, Amanda Ferrin, Angie Griffith, Susie Hizey, Marta Hayes, and Jenny White were voted academic All-Americans.

Hizey, Janel Ikeda, Rebecca Myres, who was still hitting .375 late in the season, and White were voted AMC All-Conference selections.

Candace Watkins was voted AMC All-Conference honorable mention.

Ikeda won a spot of the NAIA Midwest All-Region team.

Team members include: Jennifer Adams, Heather Curry, Michelle Faulconer, Becky Greenstreet, Ikeda, Janessa Ikeda, Chandra Kelly, Charissa Lobb, Meredith Marvel, Julie Olinares, Missy Simmons, Casey Smith, Stacey Steffan, Heidi Ackzen, Watkins and White.

Women spikers compile good season

By Kevin Kuzma

With the match even at two sets against conference rival Missouri Baptist in the AMC Semi-Finals, Oct. 29, the season long hopes of Park's 1996 women's volleyball team rode on a tie breaking fifth set.

After being destroyed in the third set by the Spartans, ranked seventh in the NAIA polls and second in the conference, Park regained composure in the fourth, playing solid and forcing a fifth set. The elimination of the side-out in the final set was incentive for both teams to make few mistakes. Park and Missouri Baptist swapped points in the opening and were tied seven-all before Park wore out, committing more errors than their opponents. Baptist would close out the Lady Pirates 15-10 and advance to the AMC Finals.

The Lady Pirates showed their strong desire to win in the fourth set, creeping closer to extinction with the loss of every point. A team conference after losing the third set turned the tide for Park, according to junior setter Janel Ikeda.

"We talked about how we

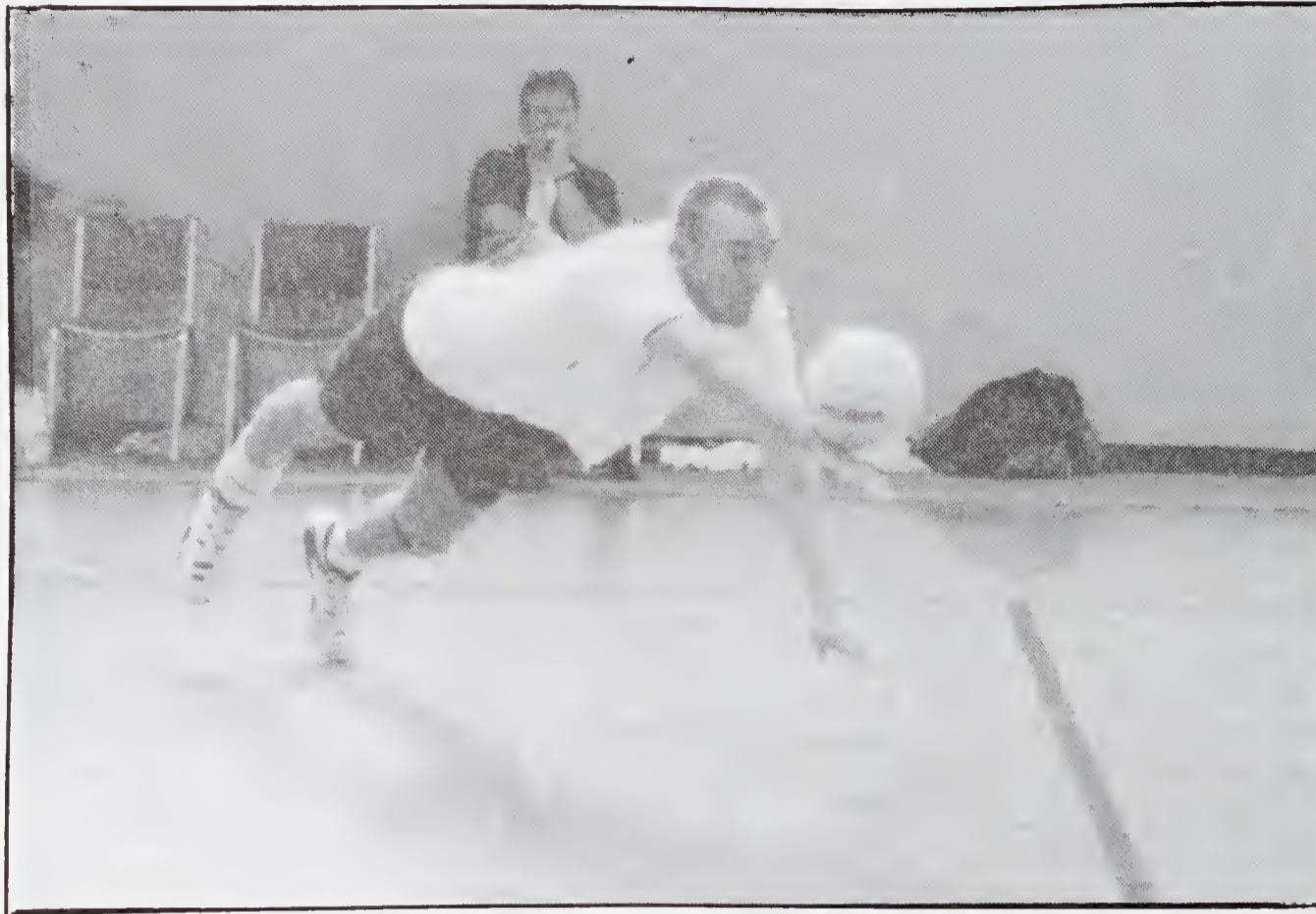
needed to get back into the game," Ikeda said. "We weren't done and didn't feel out of it yet. We knew all we had to do was fight hard in the next (set) and we would be back in it."

Long before proving their will in the dramatic tie breaker, Park compiled a season long record of 21-20 and provided consistent play through out the schedule. The Lady Pirates fought hard in losses to Doane of Nebraska, John Brown, College of St. Mary Omaha, and conference rival Columbia. But, late in the season would be the time the spikers would shine. The Lady Pirates would make an impressive win out of a match-up with William Woods Oct. 15. The women needed only three sets to annihilate Woods, lifting their late season record to 14-16 with a 3-1 conference standing. In the victory, sophomore Stacy Olczyk led in passing with 31 passes and one error. Sanderson and junior Rachel Knittle led in digs with 18 and 17 respectively.

The ladies eventually met their match in the end of the season tournament against Missouri Baptist, failing to wrap up a second place finish in the AMC.



Diving for success



Kevin Kuzma
Managing Editor

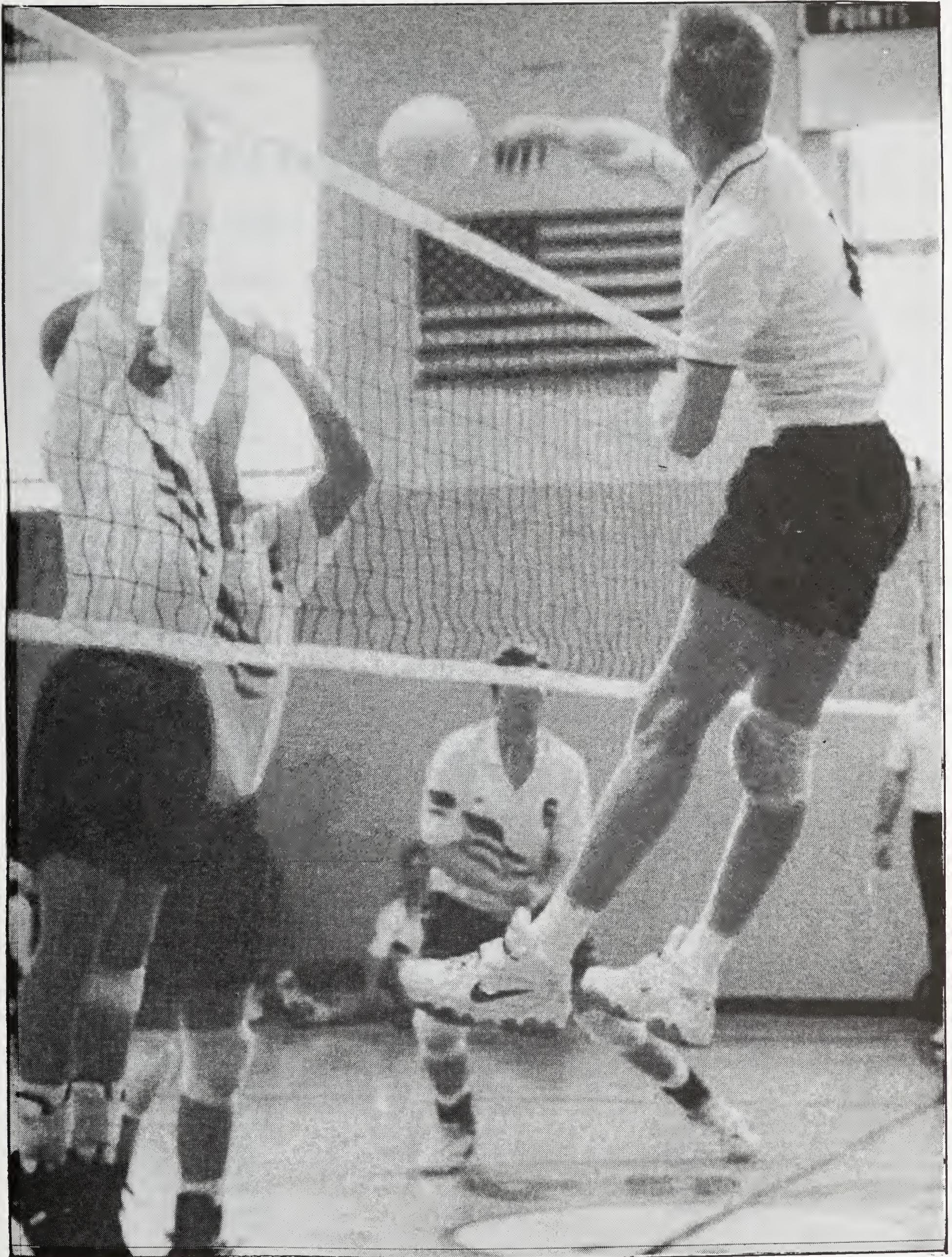
"Put up or shut up!" was the slogan and motivation fueling the 1996-97 men's volleyball squad as they flew to Tucson, Arizona to compete in the national tournament.

In an inevitable face off with a Marycrest team many seniors had never beaten in their careers at Park, the Pirates "put up" and finished third in the nation. The rest was left to Marycrest.

Defeating their arch rival was the sweetest moment in the tournament for the Pirates, who came through victorious in dramatic fashion. The 15in season seeded Pirates survived a stubborn Marycrest team, utilizing two straight aces from Matt Huthmacher to bring them back from a 14-13 deficit in the last game. Coming up big

for the Pirates were First Team All American Dejuan Ware, taking to the air for Park on several occasions, keeping the win in reach. The senior leadership of Tommy Slaughter, Tony Visintine, and Terry Wolf also announced its presence as the elders kept their cool closing out Marycrest.

Prior to the Tucson trip, several Pirates already had reason to feel satisfied with their performance on the court. Ware and Jeremy Bradley were selected to the All Conference First Team; Huthmacher and Visintine received second team honors. Huthmacher and Visintine, along with Adam Schlich and Tyler Sheer received Academic All Conference honors.



Above Left: Jarrod Robinson stretches out to prevent the opposition from gaining a hard earned point.
Above: Joe Vanderbeek skies above onlookers across the net.

HONORS

CONVOCATION

Graham Tyler Memorial Chapel

April 25, 199

DEANS HONORS

(Cumulative GPA of 3.6 or above, degree seeking, full-time with sophomore status or above)

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Heather Atkinson
Laurie Baker
Edward Baldwin
Tina Bell
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Jonathan Billeisen
Brandon Billings
Christopher Bosch
David Braa
Viviana Brake
Sara Buckley
Jennifer Campbell
Victoria Chance
Laura Clark
Janice Creighton
Amanda Curtright
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Sherry Eastin
Julie Eberspacher
Sheri Eberth
Erika Elizondo
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Bobbie Fernandez
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Rachel Guernsey
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Matthew Shelton
David Shephard
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Lori Simmons
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Jason Smith
Stephanie Smith
Andrea Sosa
Jolinda Spreitzer
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Christina Synoground
Rhonda Tharp
Dawn Thomas
Stephanie Tolbert
Kathy Truders
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Heather Weers
Ernest West
Elizabeth Whitehead
Heather Williams
Kristy Yegge
James Yuda

H o n o r s C o n v o c a t i o n

1996-1997 SELECTION OF OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

ALPHA CHI MEMBERSHIP - 1996-1997

Missouri Theta chapter is the Park College chapter of Alpha Chi, a national college honor society. The purpose of Alpha Chi is to promote academic excellence and exemplary character. The Society's name refers to truth and character. The following will be inducted on April 30, 1997:

Tina Mae Bell
Larry C. Ludecke
Amanda C. Curtright
Sherri Lynn Mayhle
Angela Gail Dozier
Christy L. McConaughey
Sheri L. Eberth
Cynthia Diane Miller
Melissa F. Farris
Genevieve D. Morenas
Angela M. Hall
E. Elaine Morrow
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Amy Sarah Johnson
Walter B. Pelletier
Keith Kah Khian Khoo
Patrick W. Schultz
Megumi Kondo
Matthew L. Shelton
Kevin Christopher Kuzma
Isabelle C. Smith
An Hoai Le
Shannon M. Snow
Laura D. Litke
Damon K. Still

C. W. BAILEY AWARD

This award is given in memory of C.W. Bailey, grandfather of John Shelton, a Park graduate of December, 1976, Military Degree program, to students for the purpose of facilitating their education to the end that they may make a contribution to society in the tradition of C.W. Bailey. It is presented to two

freshmen students who have distinguished themselves and exhibited the spirit of Park College.

Jessi M. Funk and RaDel R. Hinckley

THE BOATMEN'S BANCSHARES, INC. COMMU- NITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Each year, this award presents \$1,250 to one student at each of the 15 colleges and universities affiliated with the Missouri Colleges Fund. Boatmen's has been a contributor to the Missouri Colleges Fund for more than 35 years. For the last four years, the bank has given scholarships. Candidates are judged by academic achievement and community involvement, and the student must be a junior or senior for the award year. This year's recipient is:

Timothy J. Hebert

Representatives of Park College selected for publication in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges

Aaron R. Benefield

Timothy J. Hebert

Abra E. Birchall

Joanna G. Jacob

Sara J. Buckley

Michael E. Johnson

Kathy L. Cundiff

Kevin C. Kuzma

Pamela S. DeForest

Jeanette E. McManus

Melissa F. Driskell

Genevieve D. Morenas

Michael T. Driskell

Sean P. Ryan

A'Yanna T. Gilmore

Bruce L. Walker

Angela Hall

Sally C. Willoughby

MISSOURI COLLEGE NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION AWARDS

Given by the Missouri College Media Association (MCMA) for accomplishment in college newspaper journalism.

First Place Awards

Mark Coffey, *The Stylus* - Sports Photography

Whitney Curtis, *The Stylus* - News Photography

Amanda Curtright, In- Depth News Reporting

Amanda Curtright, *The Stylus* - News Photography

Angela Hall, *The Stylus* - Editorial/Op-Ed Section

Angela Hall, *The Stylus* - In- Depth News Reporting

Kevin Kuzma, *The Stylus* - Editorial/Op-Ed Section

Kevin Kuzma, *The Stylus* - Regular Column

Don Mitchum, *The Stylus* - Sports Page

Laura Theiss, *The Stylus* - In- Depth News Reporting

Second Place Awards

Amanda Curtright, *The Stylus* - Feature Page

Amanda Curtright, *The Stylus* - Photo Page

Angela Hall, *The Stylus* - Feature Page

Angela Hall, *The Stylus* - Photo Page

Third Place Awards

Julia Andrews, *The Stylus* - Information Graphics

Amanda Curtright, *The Stylus* - Feature Photography

Angela Hall, *The Stylus* - Information Graphics

Honors Convocation

Liane Kroll, *The Stylus* - News Writing

Kevin Kuzma, *The Stylus* - News Writing

David Leas, *The Stylus* - Political/Editorial Cartoon

Amy Newport, *The Stylus* - Information Graphics

Laura Clark Theiss, *The Stylus* - Information Graphics

Honorable Mention

Mark Coffey, *The Stylus* - Sports Photography

Angela Hall, *The Stylus* - Feature Page

Kevin Kuzma, *The Stylus* - Feature Page

Kevin Kuzma, *The Stylus* - Feature Photography

Kevin Kuzma, *The Stylus* - Feature Writing

STUDENT SENATE AWARDS

announced by S.L. Sartain,
Dean of Students

PARK FAMILY AWARD

given to a member of the Park Community who shows the care and concern of a parent

presented by Michael Malone and Jacqueline Bradbury

Maggie Smith and Michael Fitzmorris

THE NEWCOMER AWARD

presented by Michael Malone and Jacqueline Bradbury

Cami Davey

OUTSTANDING CLASS MEMBERS

Freshmen: Sara Hantzis and Adam Schlicht

Sophomore: Sara Seidelman and Nick McCabe

Juniors: Tina Bell and Kevin Kuzma

Non-Graduating Seniors:
Joanna Jacobs and Sean Ryan

TONI GRIGGS AWARD

Given to a student who has made an outstanding contribution to Park College.

Sean Ryan and Wade Billeisen

DIVISIONAL AWARDS

THE DIVISION OF HUMANITIES AND PERFORMING ARTS

ART ACHIEVEMENT

Wade Billeisen
Amy S. Johnson
Lorrie D. Burch
Victoria A. Jones
John W. Eskew
Kenneth Doyle Lott
Jennifer Gower
Miyuki Oyanagi
Walter B. Pelletier

COMMUNICATION ARTS

KGSP-FM Excellence Award:
Nicholas "Nick" W. McCabe

The Golden Reel Award:
Brandon L. Billings, Sarah E. Ruff-Villines, Jolinda L. Spreitzer

Zone V Award:
Mark R. Coffey

THE FRIEDMAN INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION AWARD

Rena L. Ferrell

THE CAL DOWNS AWARD IN COMMUNICATION THEORY AND HUMAN RELATIONS

Michael A. Malone

GOLDEN PEN AWARD

Sean P. Ryan and Kevin C. Kuzma

COMMUNICATION ARTS ORATORICAL AWARD

Sharon K. Wohlfarth

JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR

Angela M. Hall

THE PICA POLE AWARD

Melynde McAlexander and Isabell C. Smith

ENGLISH AWARDS

MARY BARLOW WRITING AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING STUDENT WRITING

Bruce L. Walker

SENIOR LITERATURE BOOK AWARD

Janice M. Creighton

THEATRE AWARDS

Leire Arruabarrena
Rita Haltiwanger
Tamara Pernice
Donna Bachmann
Pam Hamilton
Dwight Pitre
Virginia Bruch
Christy Hardin
Sabrina Rauer
Shannon Bruey
Ellen Hoskins
Shannon Reynolds
Sara Buckley

Honors Convocation

Chris Jacob
Norm Robertson
Laura Clark
DeAnthony Kibble
Patricia Rusconi
Robin Cole
Dave King
Jennifer Salvati
Pedro Cortes
Megumi Kondo
Valerie Schaller
Elizabeth Couch
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Sandy Seidelman
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Leon R. Fields, Jr.
Steve Murphy
Mindy Walker
Ann Flaherty
Angela Norris
Elizabeth Whitehead
Beverly Gauper
Wes Ziegenhorn

DISCIPLINE HONORS

ART - Cassandra L. Honeck (Junior), Kyung-Yol Lee (Senior)

COMMUNICATION ARTS - Kevin C. Kuzma (Junior), Andrea L. Sosa (Senior)

ENGLISH - Jessica Jessee (Senior)

HISTORY - Angela G. Dozier (Junior), Michael E. Johnson (Senior)

THE DIVISION OF NATURAL AND LIFE SCIENCES

BURTON W. SCHEIB PRE-MEDICAL PRIZE given to a student majoring in science (preferably pre-medical) for excellence of work in this field.
Laurie Baker and Robert C. McNab

THE CRC PRESS FRESHMAN CHEMISTRY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD is presented in recognition of outstanding scholastic achievement in chemistry during the freshman year at Park College. The Award consists of a handbook of Chemistry and Physics mailed directly from the publisher in late summer.
Heather Navrat

THE DR. WILLIAM C. PIVONKA AWARD inaugurated by Elizabeth Marchisello and the class of 1988 to be given annually in recognition of the dedication that Dr. William C. Pivonka has shown in teaching at Park College. It is given to upper division students who best represent the ideals of a chemistry major at Park College. Selection is by the chemistry faculty and presentation is made on Honors Day.
Heather Atkinson

THE HAROLD G. McDANIEL AWARD in memory of Harold G. McDaniel, Park Alumnus and Professor of Mathematics 1954-78.

These awards are given to honor outstanding students majoring in mathematics or natural science.

Poppy M. Brown and Matthew Lee Shelton

THE J. MALCOLM GOOD AWARD for the best paper in Mathematics
Kathy L. Cundiff

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CHEMISTS wishes to honor the outstanding senior in the field of Chemistry.
Laurie D. Baker

PROFESSOR L.A. ROBBINS MEMORIAL AWARD is given to a student who has distinguished himself/herself in the Natural Science Division and in Athletics. The name will be engraved on the Professor L.A. Robbins trophy which is displayed in the trophy case in Mackay Foyer.
Edward "Tommy" Slaughter

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ATHLETIC TRAINING - Dawn M. Thomas (Senior)

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CHEMISTRY - Heather D. Atkinson (Junior), Laurie D. Baker (Senior)

COMPUTER SCIENCE - Pamela Meek (Senior)

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Mark D. Hunt
Arlene M. McCoy
Shari Le Hunter
Jennifer A. Ryan

The following members are welcomed to Psi Chi's fellowship of common interest, mutual assistance and high endeavor at this time:

Shawna R. Clock
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Jason R. Cole
Megumi Kondo
Jason P. Curtis
Karen Krauser
Angela G. Dozier
Carla M. Mori-Feitz
Pamela S. Hamilton
Carol Morrissey
Kay Kallauner
Thomas M. Wilson

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BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION - Beth M. McIntyre (Junior), Laura D. Litke (Senior)

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ECONOMICS - Susan A. Bailey (Senior)

EDUCATION -- Early Childhood - Sherry E. Eastin (Junior), Nancy E. Heathman (Senior)

EDUCATION, Elementary Education - Lori J. Heneger-Riddle (Senior)

HUMAN SERVICES - Erika Elizondo (Senior)

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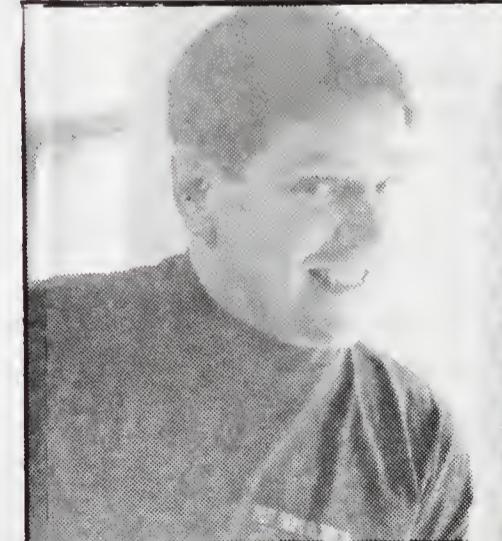
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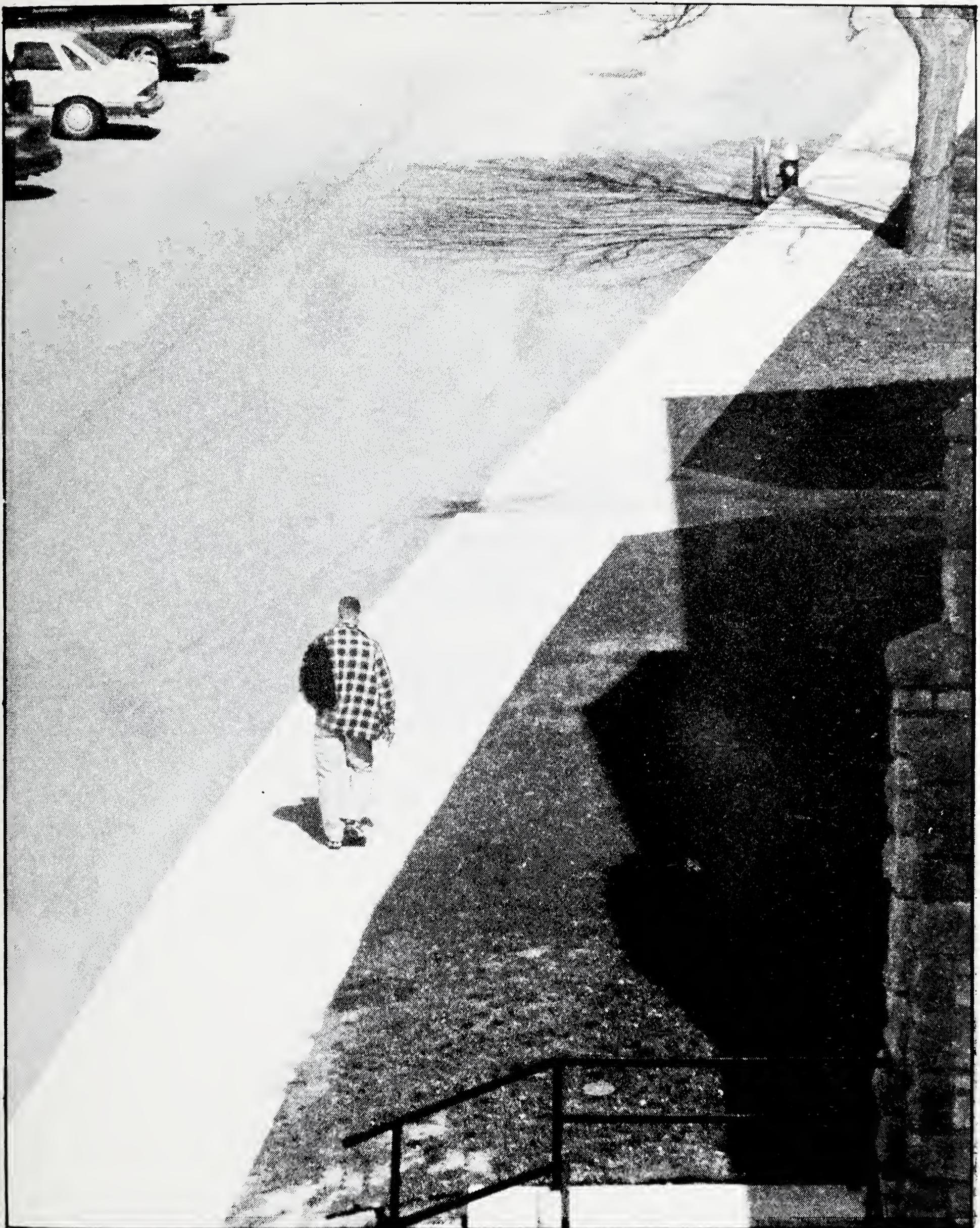
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J. L. ZWINGLE AWARD
Dr. Ronald Miriani

THE OUTSTANDING PARKITE AWARD

The 1996-97 Outstanding Parkites are: Angela M. Hall and Michael E. Johnson





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Kevin Kuzma shoulders the load...Narva Photo/Tim Marks

